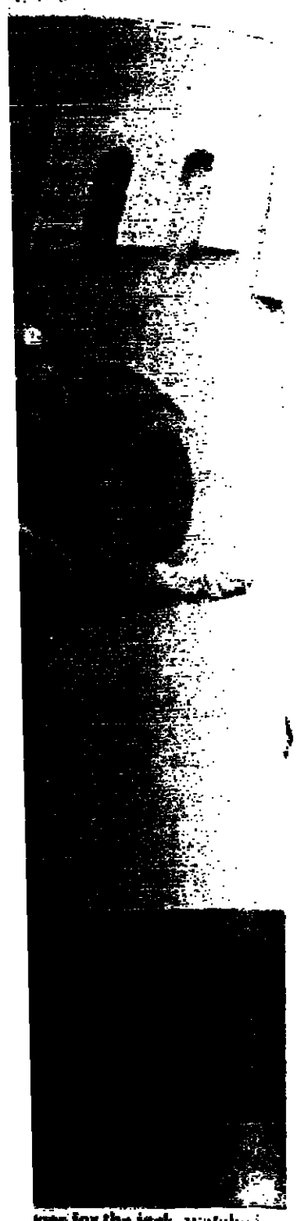
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Economic gloom growing, says poll

Clarke urges restraint on top salaries

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, NICHOLAS WOOD AND PETER RIDDELL

KENNETH Clarke today delivers his toughest warning to boardroom executives to curb their pay amid stirrings of concern in the Treasury about inflation and fears of higher international interest rates.

The Chancellor is speaking out as a MORI poll in *The Times* this morning shows that public optimism over the economy has slumped to its lowest level for a year at a time when John Major is pinning his hopes for political recovery on a brightening economic outlook.

Mr Clarke's onslaught on higher earners comes this morning in an interview in *Today*. "I disapprove of some of the high executive salaries paid by British companies and I wish more of our business leaders showed a decent level of restraint," he says. "I do not think any politician or government has the power to intervene and stop people being paid by their companies. But I do think that, with the rates of taxation having been reduced, people should think twice before allowing their boards to award them excessively high salaries."

He adds that he shares the public attitude "to the one or two spectacularly high salaries and pay-offs reported. They are unnecessary. I believe in rewarding success and effort, but one or two of the levels one sees are excessive." His strictures found support in the Treasury's latest monetary report yesterday.



Clarke: accuses Labour of spreading myths

It said that the recovery remained on course despite mixed economic signals. The report, discussed at their regular monthly meeting by Mr Clarke and Eddie George, the Bank of England Governor, acknowledged that inflation expectations have risen in the government debt market and economists detected a negative tone in inflation assessment.

The MORI economic optimism index poll in *The Times* — measuring the balance between those who think the economy will improve and those who think it will get worse — is at its worst point since February last year when unemployment started falling. Doubts about the strength of the recovery and whether interest rates can be cut again appear to lie behind the slide.

A ray of light for the Government can be found in the overall poll figures, which show the Conservatives holding steady at 28 per cent, compared with Labour's 47 per cent. The Liberal Democrats, at 21 per cent, have gained a point.

Much of the economic concern appears to have been spurred by the long-running battle between the Conservatives and Labour over tax, and last night Mr Clarke issued a fierce rebuttal of the most damaging Labour charges — that tax bills will rise by more than £1,000 a year from next year. In the latest of several speeches striving to restore the Tory reputation as the party of low taxation, the Chancellor insisted that the increase for the average family next year would be only half that claimed by Labour.

Two weeks after the Opposition predicted that last year's two budgets would add £22 a week to the tax bill of the £20,000-a-year household by April 1995, the Chancellor accused it of talking "absolute rubbish". He told senior party workers in London that the extra tax bill would be only £11 a week and that the economic fundamentals were in better shape than for 25 years. Of his Budget, he said: "Conservatives do not want to tax. Labour love it — they like spending too."

The Chancellor's worries over excessive executive salaries were echoed by the argument he deployed to counter Labour claims. His case was that Labour's calculations were based on excessive assumptions about pay rises.

As the Chancellor accused Labour of spreading myths about the economy, Harriet Harman, the shadow Treasury Chief Secretary, counter-attacked, accusing him of challenging his own departmental figures and blustering to conceal the whole truth of the tax rises.

The Opposition forecast was based on answers supplied to Ms Harman by Stephen Dorrell, the Financial Secretary. The Treasury did its sums after being asked by Ms Harman to apply the Budget assumption of 4 per cent earnings growth in 1994-95 to the following year.

Last night, Mr Clarke maintained that the Labour forecast was flawed because it was based on an unrealistic assumption about likely wage rises this year and next. The implication was that he expected wages to rise by far less than the 4 per cent built into the detailed tax tables issued by Mr Dorrell.

Ms Harman said of the Chancellor's comments: "He can challenge his own figures as much as he likes, but he won't convince the British families who will see their take-home pay fall this April."

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MICHAEL POWELL

Dame Kiri Te Kanawa yesterday revisiting the Royal Opera House, where she made her debut 13 years ago. The New Zealand diva is in London rehearsing for her sold-out 50th birthday concert at the Royal Albert Hall a week today

Hurd puts Pergau blame on Younger

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

DOUGLAS Hurd yesterday laid the blame for the Pergau dam controversy squarely at the door of Lord Younger of Prestwick who, as George Younger, was formerly his colleague in the Cabinet.

The Foreign Secretary said that government policy was breached by Lord Younger when he was Defence Secretary. He had made an "incorrect" decision by agreeing that Malaysia would buy £1 billion of defence equipment from Britain in return for investment of up to £200 million in the Pergau dam project.

During a highly charged interrogation by MPs of the foreign affairs select committee, Mr Hurd made clear that the controversial decision to link the two deals was made without the agreement of the former Defence Secretary's Cabinet colleagues.

Lord Younger visited Kuala Lumpur, the Malaysian capital, in March 1988 to arrange the defence contracts. Mr Hurd emphasised that the defence sales were "handled by the Ministry of Defence 100 per cent".

Distancing other ministers, including Baroness Thatcher, from the link to the dam, he said the deal was agreed in isolation by Lord Younger and Sir Nicholas Spreckley, Britain's High Commissioner to Malaysia at the time. "It was negotiated in Kuala Lumpur and there was no clearance such as one would have ... in Whitehall," he said.

Lord Prior, chairman of GEC, one of the biggest firms involved in the dam contract, said yesterday it was "little short of catastrophic that the jobs of many thousands have been been lost". He said insults designed to damage the British Government had drawn in the government and ministers of "a very important and friendly customer".

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Shares hit by fears of German rate rise

BY MICHAEL CLARK

MARKETS around the world were hit by a wave of selling yesterday as fears grew of higher international interest rates. The FT-SE 100 share index fell almost 75 points before recovering to close 22.5 points down at 3,248. Gilt-edged stock was down £2 at one stage.

The cause of selling was a 20 per cent increase in German money-supply figures. It was feared that a meeting of Bundesbank officials today could signal a rise in German interest rates. Dealers said that the news from Germany had scuppered any hopes of a further cut in British base rates.

The selling was also fuelled by continuing worries about a further climb in US interest rates to guard against higher inflation after last month's pre-emptive quarter-point rise.

Brokers said that the selling had been overdone and forecast that share prices would open higher in London when trading resumes this morning. The bond markets absorbed most of the damage, with shorter-dated issues suffering the worst falls before the Bank of England stepped in with support.

In France, dealing in bond futures was suspended briefly after trading limits were breached by the weight of selling. It was a similar story in New York, where circuit breakers were activated to prevent computerised sell programmes being triggered.

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Russia agrees to peace partnership

Russia has agreed to join Nato's Partnership for Peace plan which will bring the alliance and the Russian military closer than at any time since the end of the Cold War. In contrast to the recent strident warnings from Moscow against Nato expanding eastwards, Russia has decided that the new partnership cannot be ignored ..... Page 15

Ice pair step out

Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean announced their retirement from competition yesterday. The couple made clear they would not be seeking revenge for failing to win Olympic gold by taking part in the world ice dance championships in Japan this month ..... Page 3

Man held for attack on New York Jews

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

NEW York police arrested a Lebanese man yesterday after an intensive 24-hour manhunt for a gunman who opened fire on a van full of Jewish Hasidic students on Tuesday, critically wounding two and injuring two others.

One of the injured students, Aaron Halberstam, 15, has been declared clinically dead, although he remained on a life support system yesterday in accordance with his family's wishes. Another student is in a critical condition with head wounds, and doctors said yesterday he had a 20 per cent chance of survival.

The Lebanese suspect, arrested in Brooklyn yesterday morning, has not yet been identified or formally charged with murder or attempted murder. An anonymous telephone tip led police to the suspect's car, according to local television reports. Another man who may have helped to plan the attack was also being questioned by police.

The nationality of the suspect has fuelled speculation that the attack may have been in retaliation for last week's massacre of Muslims at a mosque in Israeli-occupied Hebron by a Brooklyn-born settler, but the authorities have refused to comment on a possible motive.

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Mirror Group wins war of Independent

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE bitter and protracted struggle for control of *The Independent*, which had threatened to bring the cash-strapped newspaper to its knees, has ended in almost certain victory for David Montgomery, chief executive of Mirror Group Newspapers.

News that a consortium led by Mr Montgomery had won the backing of the directors of Newspaper Publishing, owner of both *The Independent* and the *Independent on Sunday*, for a £74.4 million cash offer, was greeted with overwhelming dismay by journalists on the two titles.

The fate of the papers now rests with Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, who is expected to decide next week on whether the bid should be referred to a Monopolies and Mergers Commission enquiry.

A spokesman for the National Union of Journalists said that staff on the two titles would continue to press for the takeover to be referred to the MMC. As the Mirror Group was understood last night to have acquired a further 9 per cent of Newspaper Publishing shares — enough to give them control — an MMC reference is now the only thing that can scupper the bid.

"We simply do not believe the promises of editorial independence given David Montgomery's appalling track record at the *Daily Mirror*," an NUJ spokesman said. The Mirror has undertaken not to interfere in the hiring and firing of editors but speculation was mounting last night that Andreas Whittam Smith, founding editor of the paper, might be replaced as editor in the near future.

The consortium, which is expected to publish its full offer document by Friday, brings together MGN, the *Independent's* two main shareholders, *El Pais* of Spain and *La Repubblica* of Italy as well as Mr Whittam Smith, and two other directors of the company, Matthew Symonds and Adrian O'Neil. Under the terms of the offer, which requires the three directors to sell some of their shares, Mr Whittam Smith is likely to pocket around £2.4 million and still hold shares valued at about £2 million. Mr Symonds and Mr O'Neil are likely to bank around £670,000 each.

Tony O'Reilly, the Irish businessman and the journalists' favoured candidate, was foiled in his second serious attempt to purchase a British newspaper. He said he will not accept the Mirror consortium's offer in respect of his 24.9 per cent shareholding.

The consortium's holding will be split with MGN holding 30 per cent, the Europeans 37 per cent between them and the directors 3 per cent. The Spanish and Italian investors will have a 50.1 per cent voting control over the shares. The consortium's view is that to gain board representation the Irish should agree to forego voting powers on matters of editorial policy, as Mr Montgomery has already agreed to do.

The company's non-editorial operations, ranging from printing to accounting, will be subsumed into the Mirror, threatening the jobs of at least 260 *Independent* staff, who will now effectively have to re-apply for their jobs in direct competition with existing Mirror staff working in the same areas. There are likely to be redundancies on both sides and there are no firm guarantees that journalistic jobs will not go.

The takeover signals the end of a brief but exciting chapter in newspaper history. Founded by journalists in 1986, *The Independent* was the realisation of a dream for those who thought they could achieve the impossible — create a profitable broadsheet paper independent of any of the giant media groups. The paper immediately won critical acclaim for its imaginative use of photographs and its non-aligned political stance. Its sales peaked at 422,679 in 1989 but have since slid to around 286,000 in mid-February 1994.

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Hair apparent as ambitious blond outshines mousy opposition

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Michael Heseltine's hair is growing blonder. What can this mean? Yesterday I watched the President of the Board of Trade, debating. His speech was wildly cheered but my attention was not on the health of Rover but upon the head of Hezza. It is returning from grey to blond!

The President's hair reached a low point in 1992, shortly after the débâcle over pit closures. Then, the great man leaned wearily against the dispatch box, MPs cheering not him, but his Labour shadow, Robin Cook. Those blond locks, once famous, took on a greyish tinge. Was worry turning him grey? Had he despaired of his leadership prospects? Was he nudging his public image towards retirement by locking away the *Just for Men*? His hair and his future were moving from ash blond to ash.

Now both are returning to the sunlight. No longer ash, yesterday, the shade fell just short of ash blond. "Champagne" perhaps? Or was he a strawberry blond? Bill Cash, from the Euro-sceptical right, invited him to recant on his old enthusiasm for the exchange-rate mechanism. The President declined to recant. Robin Cook, too, tried to tease a little pink from the presidential mane. He quoted from one of Heseltine's books, suggesting that the Secretary of State had once believed in state intervention. Heseltine seemed unrepentant.

Cook's was another fine but curiously indistinguished performance. Labour's chief industry spokesman is a powerful debater, so I found myself wondering, yet again, why I was bored? Mr Cook's speeches achieve their destructive purposes, yet fail to excite or uplift. Between 12 and 16 minutes past four I took down, from his words, these: *"Collapse; lowest; drop; worse; worst; lower; crime; decline; no; low; weaker; down; threat; waste; problem; recession; fall; doubts; low; low; no ..."*

To knock the Government, of course, is among his purposes; but only here does his speeches' spirit dwell and thrive. One never gets that "Let me through, I'm a doctor!" sense that Margaret Thatcher's and Keith Joseph's speeches in the 1970s seemed to breathe, before they toppled the Government. For a debater with Mr Cook's sure touch, the language is oddly depressive. There is something stale and weasely about the tone. Subliminally, people who know little of ideology may still notice vocabulary, as they notice neckties.

Yesterday Mr Heseltine was all confidence again. The jokes were passable and the tone upbeat. The troops wanted to be impressed, and they were. Robin Cook, calling for regional development boards to stimulate industry, had complained that the US government was getting industrialists together to design "the car of the future"; why couldn't we do that in Britain?

Mr Heseltine pictured the likely composition of Mr Cook's boards. They would contain trade unionists to represent Labour, academics to decide the economics, and bishops to drape the whole enterprise in moral rectitude. And then this committee would sit down to design the car of the future.

Tories cheered and laughed. This was vintage Heseltine. The President tossed back his flyaway locks. Ash moving to ash blond, with just a hint of strawberry. Forget your anonymous backbench polls! Mr Heseltine's hair is the indicator we must watch.

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Lord Mackay restores £15m of legal aid

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Lord Chancellor has bowed to criticism from senior judges and leaders of the legal profession and restored some £15 million of the £43 million cuts he made last year to the legal aid scheme.

In an unexpected announcement yesterday, Lord Mackay of Clashfern said he would raise the income levels below which people qualified for legal aid advice.

The increase in the income limit, from £61 net a week (after outgoings such as rent) to £70 net, a rise of nearly 15 per cent, is said by the Lord Chancellor's department to bring back into the scheme thousands who were excluded.

For legal aid generally, the qualifying limits are to be uprated in line with inflation by 3.8 per cent and the means test for those seeking representation before mental health review tribunals will be scrapped.

There has been universal criticism of legal aid cuts. The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, denounced them as deplorable, saying the changes involved an "abdication of responsibility to a large section of those for whom the legal aid system was devised".

Lord Woolf, the law lord, expressed concern on Monday night about the increasing numbers of people who were denied access to the civil courts because they neither qualified for legal aid nor could afford legal costs. He called for an urgent review on whether legal aid was being directed in the most effective manner.

Last week, Rodger Pannone, president of the Law Society, condemned government criminal justice policies generally and legal aid cuts in particular.

He said that the partnership between the profession and the Government had broken down and hinted that many solicitors were now having second thoughts about joining the Government's scheme to bring in franchising of legal aid work.

Mr Pannone said yesterday that the proposal was a "very small step in the right direction" but the Law Society would be pressing for legal-aid advice to be available to those with incomes of up to £150 a week, as in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

He said the proposal would still leave millions unable to afford the advice or representations they needed. "Legal aid is expected to be underspent by £60 million, so I am sure the Lord Chancellor has scope to do much more."

Robert Seabrook QC, Bar chairman, also welcomed the measures as far as they went. But he added: "The publication of the eligibility figures for legal aid are a stark reminder of how appallingly low the legal aid eligibility thresholds have become."

Lights out as dream dies at the Indy

BY ANDREW PIERCE

THE first that journalists knew about the proposed Mirror Group takeover of *The Independent* was when they arrived at work yesterday to see a press release stuck to a wall by the lifts. It referred to the redundancy terms for those "unfortunate enough" to lose their jobs.

"Most of us never even noticed it," one journalist said. "It was only when we sat at our desks that the word spread." Minutes later, the power failed and emergency lights had to be switched on. "It's all rather symbolic," the journalist added.

By contrast, when it was disclosed last year that the board was backing the £55.1 million bid from the consortium involving MGN, all journalists were telephoned at home and summoned to an early-morning meeting to be addressed by Andreas Whittam Smith, founder and editor of *The Independent*.

At least half the 350 editorial staff have been at the paper since its launch and have share options worth an average of about £10,000. "But when we were launched Andreas Whittam Smith told us the options would be worth the equivalent of our salaries within three years," a senior journalist said. "Neither the options nor the papers have lived up to our expectations."

Yesterday's announcement was greeted with virtual resignation as most journalists suspected that MGN would win. Few could be bothered even to follow the normal journalistic tradition of drowning their sorrows.

Despite guarantees from the consortium that editorial jobs would not be affected, few had much faith. "It's rot," one reporter said. "There will be a massive clearout. New faces will be brought in. Those that don't fit will be kicked out."

Oliver Gillie, convenor of the editorial council of *The Independent* and *Independent on Sunday*, expressed concern that neither MGN, nor Tony O'Reilly, the other bidder, had responded to a request for a meeting. He said that if the editorial charter agreed with the company was ignored, it "would be a disaster from which these two titles would not recover".

Genuine anger was directed at Mr Whittam Smith. One reporter said: "It's unfair, I suppose, as the paper is his creation. But it has turned into his monster which is devouring us all."

Few welcome the prospect of the journey to Canary Wharf, which will soon be the MGN home. Many joked about being supplied with maps so they could find it.

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JAMES MORGAN



Andreas Whittam Smith, editor of *The Independent*, has angered his journalists

Gloom returns to economic view

BY PETER RIDDELL

OPTIMISM about the economic outlook is at its lowest level for a year, according to the latest MORI opinion poll for *The Times*. It follows uncertainty about the strength of the recovery, doubts about whether interest rates can be cut again and fears over the impact of the tax increases next month.

The reduced optimism has not resulted in further erosion of Tory support, which remains at 28 per cent, its level for the past ten months. Labour has slipped a point in the past month to 47 per cent, while the Liberal Democrats have gained a point to 21 per cent. Tory and Labour support remains equal among the middle classes.

The economic optimism index measures the proportion of people who believe the country's general economic condition will improve, not worsen, in the next 12 months. The Tories won the last three general elections during periods when the index was positive.

The index stands at -14 points, its lowest level since the -21 of February 1993. The latest figure compares with a range of -3 to -6 points over the previous three months. The recent drop has been most marked among those aged under 34 and those nearing retirement age.

This deterioration will not help the Tories stage a political recovery ahead of the local elections on May 5, the European elections on June 9, or the five pending by-elections.

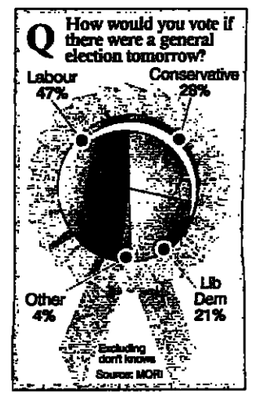
The latest poll confirms the becalmed state of voting intentions. The Tories' recent rating of between 28 and 29 per cent appears to represent support-er unshaken by the scandals of January or the outcry over tax increases. There has been a shift in the Tories' favour among skilled workers, aged over 55 and trade unionists, offset by a loss of support among manual workers.

Labour remains firmly in the lead, though its rating is below the peak levels of 1990.

The slight firming in support for the Liberal Democrats during the past month suggests that the decline in their rating since the early autumn may have bottomed out.

□ *MORI interviewed a representative quota sample of 1,919 adults at 149 sampling points on February 24 to 28. Data were weighted to match the profile of the population. Voting-intention figures exclude those who say they would not vote (9 per cent), are undecided (7 per cent), or refuse to name a party (3 per cent).*

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Police authority jobs will be advertised

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, is to advertise for candidates to fill more than 200 places reserved for independent members on the new police authorities. They will be expected to have good financial and communication skills and be willing to spend at least 18 days a year on authority business.

The existing 42 authorities will become smaller bodies comprising local councillors, magistrates and independent members instead of the present membership comprising two thirds councillors and one third magistrates.

Duty-free queried

The Government has written to the European Commission in Brussels demanding details of a new interpretation of EC tax law that would allow Britons to order cheap drink and tobacco from France without crossing the Channel. British brewers and ferry operators would face huge losses, and the Government would lose excise revenue.

Cannabis therapy

The Government has not ruled out cannabis being made available on prescription if medical evidence supports such a change, John Bowis, the junior health minister, said in a Commons written reply. The substance, regarded as a soft drug, can be used as a sedative and a pain killer, but possession is illegal.

Hunt-ban fund set up

A public appeal for funds to finance Somerset County Council's legal battle to ban deer hunting was launched yesterday. The council faces a £50,000 bill after the High Court recently reversed the ban on deer hunting on 140 acres of land in the Quantock Hills. The council said it would serve notice of appeal against the decision soon.

Stroud tackles Sahara



The explorer Dr Mike Stroud, right, who made history with Sir Ranulph Fiennes a year ago when they became the first men to walk across the Antarctic unaided, is turning from polar to solar endurance by competing in a 134-mile race across the Sahara. He will be part of a British four-man team competing in the international event, which will raise funds for medical charities.

Husband's secret hoard

A woman who discovered the value of her late husband's secret hoard of silver with the help of the *Antiques Roadshow* saw most of it sold for almost £80,000 at Christie's yesterday. Margaret Hobbs, 59, of Crawley, West Sussex, said: "I never liked silver anyway." Her husband Harold hid his collection in cupboards and under beds.

Treasury lawyer altered trial statements

BY MICHAEL DYNES
WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

A SENIOR government lawyer was part of a "drafting committee" that altered prosecution witness statements in the Matrix Churchill trial, Lord Justice Scott's enquiry into the arms-to-Iraq affair was told yesterday.

Gerald Hosker QC, the Treasury solicitor, told the enquiry that he was involved in redrafting witness statements to eliminate the risk that confidential Whitehall documents would have to be disclosed in court.

Mr Hosker told the enquiry that he approved the deletion of key sentences in the witness statement drafted by Anthony Steadman, a Trade and Industry Department official, which referred to government suspicions that machine tools exported by Matrix Churchill would be used to make arms.

Mr Hosker, who was head of the Department's legal service at the time, said that the sentences were removed on the advice of Andrew Leithead, the assistant Treasury Solicitor.

Asked by Presiley Baxendale QC, the counsel to the enquiry, whether the alterations had changed the substance and meaning of the witness statement, Mr Hosker said: "These were suggested deletions and should not be regarded as demands." It was up to Mr Steadman to object if he felt the deletions altered the meaning of his statement.

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Heseltine attack earns riposte from Lang

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

CABINET irritation over Michael Heseltine's criticism of the Attorney-General surfaced yesterday. Ian Lang, the Scottish Secretary, implied that Mr Heseltine had been trying to win headlines for himself by attacking Sir Nicholas Lyell before the Scott enquiry.

In a throwaway line at a press gallery lunch the loyalist minister told reporters: "I hear the only way of getting reported at a press gallery lunch is by making mistakes or by attacking your colleagues — rather like the Scott enquiry."

Mr Lang was giving public expression to some of the private anger directed at the President of the Board of Trade among right-wing MPs and ministers who have accused him of putting his personal ambitions before loyalty to his colleagues.

Mr Lang strongly backed Sir Nicholas in a speech: "I have utmost faith in Sir Nicholas Lyell as Attorney-General. He is a very fine man, a very able lawyer."

□ Michael Heseltine is now second favourite to replace John Major, bookmakers William Hill said yesterday. His odds have been cut from 7-1 to 5-1. Chancellor Kenneth Clarke remains favourite, but his odds have eased from 4-6 to 4-5.

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Jailed rapist goes into solitary after marathon outcry

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

A JAILED rapist who had entered the London Marathon to run for charity went into solitary confinement and withdrew from the race yesterday after public disclosure of his conviction.

Roy Messenger requested to go into the unit, which holds Rule 43 inmates, for his own protection only hours before a bone marrow charity withdrew him from next month's race. Other prisoners did not know he was serving a sentence for rape.

He is due to be released from The Verne prison at Portland, Dorset, ten days after the marathon and the prison governor had given him permission to compete believing there was minimal risk to the public.

Messenger has been allowed out on a number of occasions as part of his preparation for release but the controversy over his entry in the marathon comes as the Home Secretary is preparing to announce new regulations governing home leave and day release for prisoners.

The charity had believed that Mr Messenger, serving five years for raping a worker with an organisation that helps victims of crime, was a prison officer when it accepted his offer to raise money for the Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust.

The Trust withdrew Messenger from the marathon to prevent further distress to his victim and her family. Anthony Morland, the trust's chief executive, said: "We believed Mr Messenger to be a prison officer. Then we heard he was a prisoner who had been given permission to run for charity and we felt that to be a good thing.

"Having slept on it we decided we did not wish to cause offence to anybody and the best thing to do was to withdraw his name."

The charity, which has the right to enter five runners in the marathon, said that Messenger, 32, from Walton, Liverpool, had not misled them. It had assumed he was a prison officer because his application form contained the address of the jail.



Messenger: charity staff thought he was a warder

Messenger was to have been given day release to run in the marathon and hoped to raise £3,000 for the charity to add to the £4,000 he has already produced while in prison. He would not have been accompanied by a prison officer.

A prison service spokesman said: "He is feeling very low about this. He thought he was doing what people expect of prisoners, something positive for society and this is the reaction."

Police on Merseyside and the victim were outraged when told he was to compete and said the decision made a mockery of the prison system. The victim said yesterday: "I just started crying. I just could not believe it. The survivors of rape just struggle on. People don't realise that they [rapists] get out in five years and the victims are left in their own prison for a lifetime."

The governor of the prison, Timothy Turner, defended the decision to allow Messenger to compete and said the controversy had been blown out of proportion. "The decision has been made on all the facts available to us," he said. "The prisoner concerned is due for release at the end of April anyway, about ten days after the London Marathon."



Karlee Kosolofski, who was found after six hours

Child survives after heart stops in sub-zero weather

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A GIRL aged 2 whose heart stopped beating after she was accidentally locked outside her home in sub-zero temperatures for nearly six hours has survived.

Doctors said Karlee Kosolofski, from Saskatchewan, Canada, was nearly frozen by the time she was found by her mother lying on her front doorstep clothed only in a coat, boots and nightgown.

She was placed on a heart bypass machine for five hours to warm her body slowly and avoid damaging frozen tissues.

It took nearly 90 minutes for her heart to start. Shock therapy was used twice to keep it beating.

Experts believe it is the first recorded instance of a hypothermia victim surviving such extreme cold over a prolonged period. Karlee's body temperature fell to 73F (23C) from a normal 98.6F (37C).

"I've never come across anything reported that cold," John Frim, a cold weather specialist who works with the Canadian Defence and Civil Institute of Environmental Medicine, a research group for the Canadian military, said.

John Burgess, one of a team of 30 medical staff who helped revive Karlee at Regina Plains Health Centre, said: "She was practically dead. It's just amazing to get a child this age who literally comes in like a block of ice."

Dr Joy Dobson said Karlee was still in intensive care with frostbite to her legs, one of which may have to be amputated.

She remained in a serious condition yesterday, but is alert and her condition is improving.

Karlee was discovered outside her home in the prairie town of Rouleau about 30 miles southwest of Regina on Wednesday last week, but doctors withheld word of her recovery.

She was trapped outside after the door locked behind her in -8F weather made worse by 25mph winds. It is believed that she wandered out of the family's farmhouse after her father left for work at the local dairy about 2.30 that morning.

Karlee was taken by ambulance to the hospital 30 miles away after her mother found her.

"We have witnessed a miracle," Dr Dobson said. "It is still too early to say how much permanent damage there will be, but we are hopeful that we can save her right leg. We can't say yet whether the left leg will survive."

Karrie Kosolofski, her mother, said: "She's definitely very strong, very happy and very determined. Today we're just really, really relieved."

Stepfather killed girl for having condoms

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A 13-YEAR-OLD girl was killed by her stepfather after he found her with a packet of condoms with one missing, a court was told yesterday. But the girl was a virgin, a pathologist said.

Leah Huskinson was hit six times over the head with a 12in chisel and was then trussed up in a sack with a bag over her head. She had also been strangled, causing her necklace to be imprinted on her skin, Peter Joyce QC, for the prosecution, told Nottingham Crown Court.

He said Leah was killed in March last year by Brent Huskinson, 35, in her bedroom at their home in Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts. One of the blows from the chisel caused a skull fracture and knocked her unconscious.

The court heard he then dialled 999 and told the operator: "I have killed my daughter."

Leah's mother, Sherrie Huskinson, sobbed as she told the court how she received a telephone call from her husband while she was working as an auxiliary night nurse at Ashfield Community Hospital near Mansfield, Nottingham. He told her: "I have killed our Leah. I have blacked out. I love you."

Mr Joyce said Huskinson told police there was an argument after he discovered a packet of condoms with one missing. Huskinson denies murder, but admits manslaughter. The trial continues.

Computer porn 'led to sex attack on girl'

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

A BOY aged 13 tried to rape a six-year-old girl after watching computer pornography at school, a court was told. His defence counsel said he was "tipped over the edge" after watching the pornography on a disk produced by a friend.

The boy attacked the girl last November as he walked her home after being out playing, Peter Jones, for the prosecution, said at Wrexham Youth Court on Tuesday.

The boy, from Wrexham, admitted the attack to police, adding that he intended having sex with the girl.

He was given a two-year supervision order after admitting attempted rape. The court heard he was too young for a custodial sentence.

Stephen Edwards, for the defence, said the boy, who was pressurised into believing he was "abnormal" if he wasn't having sex with a girl friend, had an "unhealthy interest" in pornographic pictures stored on computer disks and in magazines.

The case came two weeks after the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, announced he was tackling the spread of computer pornography by closing a loophole in the Obscene Publications Act, redefining "publication" to include the electronic transmission of obscene material between computers.

Garden bodies murder charges

BY RICHARD DUCE AND STEWART TENDLER

A BUILDER accused of murdering his 16-year-old daughter was yesterday charged with killing two other women after police dug up their remains from his garden.

Frederick West, 52, will appear in court today charged with murdering his daughter Heather, who vanished seven years ago, and two separate murder charges relating to the deaths of an adult women in her 20s and a teenager.

Police were last night almost certain they knew the identity of one of the victims. The identity of the second remains a mystery, but neither is thought to be have been related to Mr West.

One body may be that of Alison Chambers, 15, who vanished from a children's home in Gloucester in August 1978. Police have said they believe the victims were alive until 1978.

There is also speculation that the two victims could be a lesbian couple. The house in Cromwell Street, Gloucester, was once used for bed and breakfast accommodation and one of the women may have stayed there.

Police are using tests including genetic fingerprinting to try to identify the bodies.

Rosemary West, 40, the mother of six of Mr West's eight children, was yesterday at the house and refusing to leave as police carried out a detailed search of the property and garden. She was interviewed and bailed by police after her husband was charged last Sunday with murdering their daughter.

The Wests moved into the house in 1973. Police have not ruled out searching other property linked to Mr West in the Gloucester area. He is known to have lived in at least one other house in Gloucester before moving to Cromwell Street.

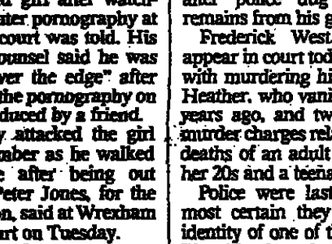
Police officers have spent a week excavating the Wests' 40ft by 15ft garden. They have enlisted the help of Professor Bernard Knight, one of the world's leading pathologists, to examine the remains.

Professor Knight, 62, who has written whodunit novels under the name of Bernard Picton, can reconstruct the faces of murder victims by taking their skulls and using clay to model a face.

Two years ago, he brought in Dr Richard Nieve to help to solve the murder of "Little Miss Nobody" who was found buried in a garden in Cardiff. The reconstructed features of Karen Price, 15, led to the arrest and subsequent conviction of two men for her murder.

Reports of the finding of the bodies have prompted such an increase in calls to the national missing persons helpline in London that ten extra staff have been taken on. All 25 lines have been busy with calls, including enquiries from Gloucestershire police.

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Bronzed-off ice dancers quit contest

BY JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

JAYNE Torvill and Christopher Dean announced their retirement from competition yesterday. The couple made clear they would not be seeking revenge for their Olympic ice dancing defeat at the world championships in Japan later this month.

The pair, disillusioned with being awarded only the bronze medal at the Winter Games in Lillehammer, will concentrate on a final tour of professional demonstrations before Torvill tries to start a family.

Dean, speaking at the launch in Milton Keynes of the Skateathon fund-raising event in aid of the British Red Cross relief effort in the former Yugoslavia, said: "We could not have skated any better than we did at the Games and would like to be remembered for that. Winning the bronze medal was bitter-sweet for us."

Torvill said: "I think it was a good note for us to end on. That is what we will remember about our return to competition."

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In need of a pick-me-up: the restorative powers of Beecham's products, advertised on posters from the 1920s, guaranteed jobs in St Helens for 130 years. Staff leaving the plant yesterday fear they will never work again

Beecham's closure spells jobless future for St Helens

BY KATE ALDERSON

"WORTH a guinea a box" was the slogan of Beecham's, the 130-year-old family pharmaceutical firm that announced the closure of its founding factory in St Helens yesterday. To the 480 who have lost their jobs, the company is now worth little more than a redundancy cheque.

SmithKline Beecham, an international drugs manufacturer based in west London, devastated the Merseyside town yesterday with its closure announcement. Minutes after the managing director broke the news to the staff at noon, they rushed out of the factory gates, many of the women in tears, red-faced and too distraught to speak. Huddles of people gathered in the town centre, where the talk was of nothing but redundancy and unemployment.

The closure of the factory, one of St Helens' biggest employers, follows the announcement by the glass company Pilkington in January that it will shed almost 1,000 jobs. Male unemployment in St Helens and Wigan is 17 per cent and many despair of finding work in the area. "Today's probably the end of St Helens," one man said.

Production at the factory, which makes non-prescription medicines, has been cut by 30 per cent in the past year. It was also announced yesterday that seven brands, including Phyllosan and Fynnon Salts, would be sold, making the St Helens plant uncompetitive. A redundancy programme will begin in the summer, with full closure of the plant complete by the end of the year.

Alan Chandler, a spokesman for the company, acknowledged that it would be accused of devastating a town already lacking jobs. "We did make a profit of £1.2 billion last year, an increase of 12 per cent, but this particular factory is not cost-effective."

Thomas Beecham, who established the company in 1860, began life as a shepherd, selling herbal potions on street corners. He originally produced four products: herbal pills, Female's Friend, Royal Tooth Powder and Golden Tooth Tincture. Beecham's Powders developed from his recipes for a general pick-me-up.

The factory dominates the town. The Victorian clock tower stands over the shopping centre, a constant reminder of the Beecham legacy and of an era when the founder's benevolent paternalism virtually guaranteed long-term tenure for the workforce.

More than 130 later, the men and women who looked forward to their children finding work at his factory were struggling to come to terms with yesterday's announcement. John, 29, was made redundant from Pilkington three years ago and has not worked since, said: "What is there at the JobCentre? Part-time work paying around £30 a week. It is very sad, but I'll probably have to move away, leave the town."

Dave Watts, leader of St Helens Borough Council, said that he had demanded an urgent meeting with local MPs and the company. "The effect on the local economy will be devastating," he said.

St Helens, which has a population of 180,000, was once dominated by heavy industry. Parkside colliery, a few miles away, was closed last year. Unemployment is rising monthly.

Meat in £1 ready meals is worth only 13p

BY ROBIN YOUNG

CHILLED ready meals are low in meat and high in fat, the Consumers' Association magazine *Which?* says today.

After examining chilled ready meals sold by six of the largest retailers, *Which?* reported that £1 meals can contained meat worth as little as 13p. Fat accounted for more than a third of the calories in almost all the ready meals examined. In 1992, Britons spent £308 million buying 60,000 tonnes of chilled meals.

Chilled lasagnes sold by Asda and Safeway at 99p each showed on the label that they contained "less than 10 per cent meat". *Which?* says: "Even if you used the highest quality mince, that's only about 13p worth." Among cottage pies, *Which?* found that Asda's had "less than 10" per cent meat".

The magazine also examined chilled chicken kormas sold by the six retailers, and found that they were particularly fatty, with more than half their calories derived from fat.

Spokesmen for the retailers said yesterday that all the information in the *Which?* survey had been taken from the information provided on the product labels. They said that if the public did not think they were getting value for money for convenience foods they would not buy them in such large and increasing quantities.

Fatal errors bring call for cancer care control

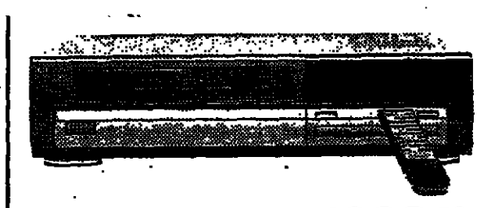
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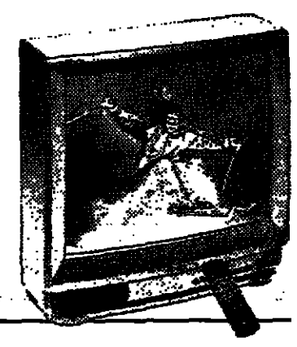
A SERIES of accidents in which cancer patients have died after being injected wrongly with drugs could have been avoided if proper checks had been carried out by specialist staff, a report by the most senior group responsible for cancer care in Britain says today.

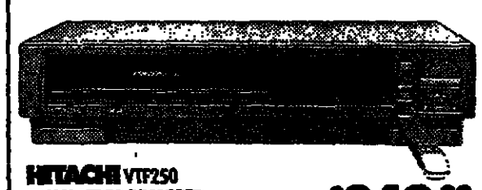
Four patients have died after junior doctors injected the cancer drug vincristine into their spines instead of their arms. The doctors made the mistake after confusing vincristine with other cancer drugs which are correctly given into the spine. Two were convicted of manslaughter but their convictions were later quashed.

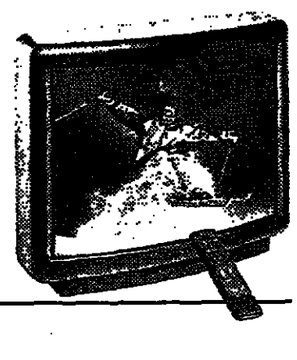
The report, by the Joint Council for Clinical Oncology of the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Radiologists, says that controls on the administration of powerful anti-cancer drugs must be tightened. Cancer chemotherapy has developed in a random way, which is "clearly inappropriate."

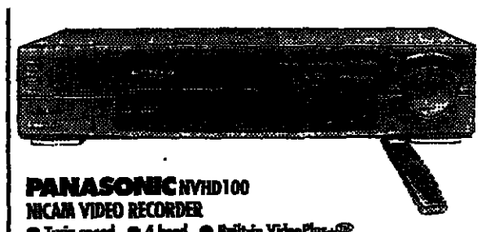
Cancer drugs should be given by experienced staff during working hours so that doctors are not overtired and specialists are on hand in case anything goes wrong. Junior staff should not be allowed to administer the drugs without having specialist training, it says.


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KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Karpov surges on

Anatoly Karpov, the Fide champion, has astounded experts and observers alike by reeling off five straight wins in the super-tournament in Linares, Spain. Garry Kasparov, the PCA world champion, defeated Judith Polgar in their fifth-round game, the first time they have met, but still trails Karpov by half a point. Karpov's victim in round five was Vassily Ivanchuk.

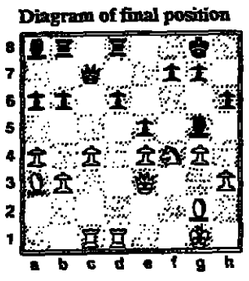
White: Vassily Ivanchuk
Black: Anatoly Karpov
Linares, March 1994

Queen's Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	Nf3	e6
3	c4	b6
4	g3	Ba6
5	Nbd2	Bb7
6	Bg2	c5
7	e4	cxd4
8	0-0	d6
9	Nxd4	Qd7
10	Re1	Be7
11	Nb1	Nc6
12	Nc3	Nxd4
13	Qxd4	0-0
14	b3	Rfd8
15	Bb2	Rab8
16	h3	Ba8
17	g4	h6
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20	Bb2	Qc5
21	Qd2	Nd7
22	Red1	Ne5
23	Ne2	Bg5
24	Qc3	Bf8
25	Ba3	Qc7
26	Qd2	Ng6
27	Rac1	Be7
28	Qe3	Bg5
29	f4	Nxf4
30	Nd4	e5

White resigns

Diagram of final position



Results so far

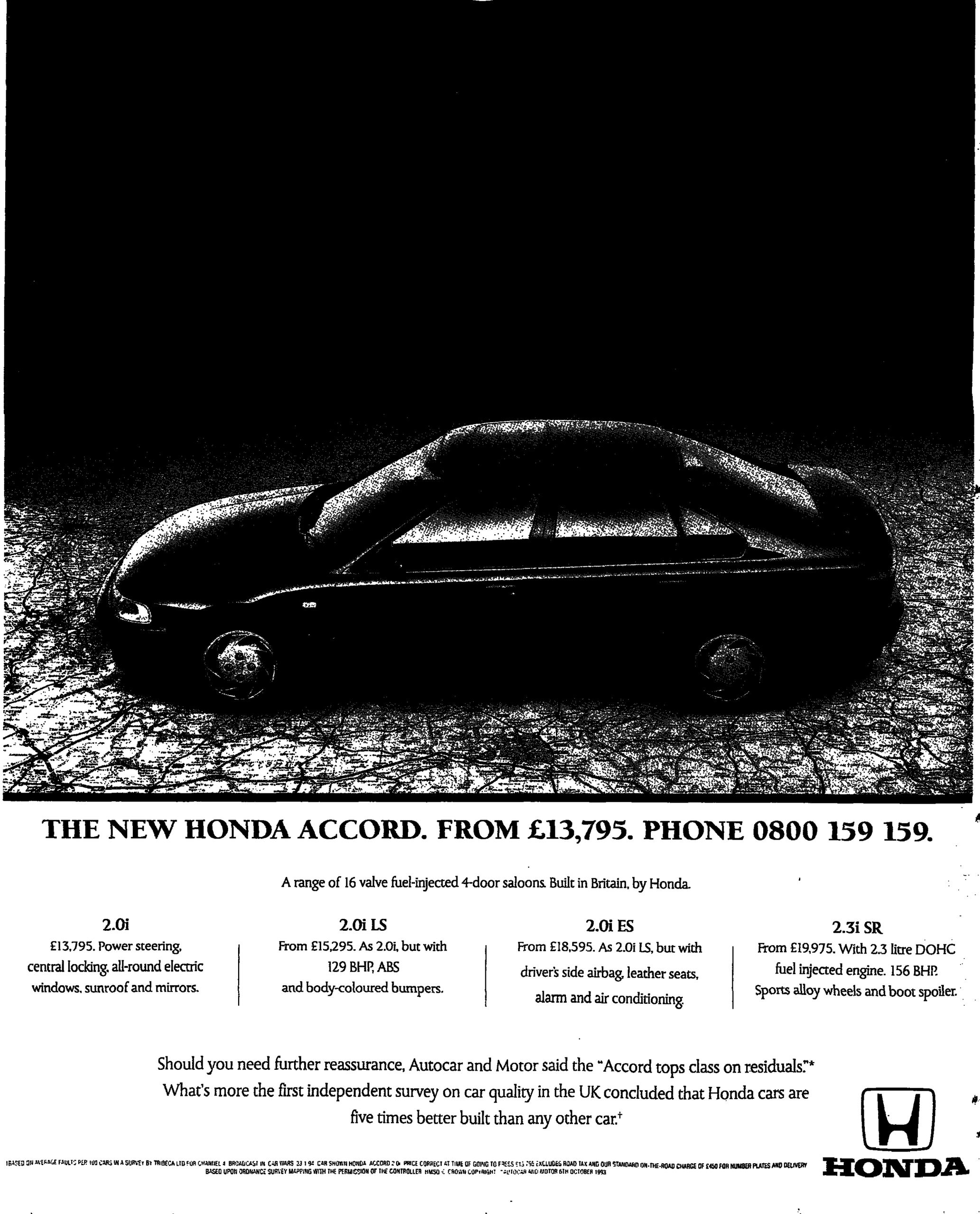
The following crosstable gives all results and totals so far of every game played in the Linares super-tournament, the strongest annual event in the chess calendar. Until the tournament ends on March 14, these results will be regularly updated in *The Times*.

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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
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Heads seek end of independent appeal on pupil expulsions

BY BEN PRESTON
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

■ Appeal bodies are undermining school discipline, teachers say. Expulsions should be a matter for schools and parents

HEAD teachers demanded yesterday that independent appeal bodies be stripped of their power to order state schools to readmit expelled pupils.

David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said that classroom discipline was threatened by the return of pupils against the judgment of teachers and governors with first-hand knowledge of their cases. Some of the expelled youngsters were guilty of serious offences such as drug-pushing.

In a letter to John Patten, the Education Secretary, Mr Hart said it was extraordinary that unaccountable bodies could override decisions taken by those who knew the pupils, parents and communities involved. The call reflects unease about school discipline, with ministers currently completing new guidelines.

At present, parents of expelled pupils have the right to appeal to governors and then to their local authority. Their final recourse is to an independent body, with a lay chairman and a majority of councillors, which can force schools to take back pupils.

The Times disclosed in January that Romsey School in Hampshire was required by an appeals committee to take back two pupils expelled after they admitted smoking cannabis on school premises.

In the past year, the association has handled cases where schools have been ordered to reinstate pupils who admitted criminal offences. These included four 15-year-old boys excluded for pushing drugs at school, a teenager who assaulted a teacher and two 14-year-old boys who sexually harassed a girl.

In each case, Mr Hart said, the appeals body had tried to distinguish between ring-leaders and followers, but had fallen into the trap of substituting its own value judgment for that of better-informed governors and staff.



Hart: fears classroom discipline in danger

Mr Hart said the power of appeals committees countered ministers' efforts to encourage individual schools to establish a clear disciplinary policy. "The encroachment of drugs and violence into schools poses difficult questions for schools to grapple with. This process is completely undermined if a couple of unaccountable councillors can suddenly overturn a carefully considered decision."

He added: "Heads and governors have the interests of their pupils, their parents and their school communities at heart and know their needs to a much greater extent than any independent appeals committee." He said the committees should be limited to establishing whether schools had violated procedures, referring cases back to governors.

The Education Department said it would respond to Mr Hart's letter in due course. "Indepedent appeals panels are an intrinsic part of parents' rights," it said.

Safari boy given driving ban

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

THE young offender sent on a £7,000 90-day "character building" safari of Africa appeared in Gloucester Youth Court yesterday for offences committed six days after his return to Britain.

He admitted driving with excess alcohol and without insurance or an MOT certificate. He was banned from driving for three years and fined £140. After the boy, 17, was breathalysed in the early hours of December 28, a blood sample showed an alcohol level of 100 milligrams, 20 over the limit, Martin Setchell, for the prosecution, said. It was his second drink-drive related conviction in five months. The fines will be paid from pocket money he receives from social services.

Steven Young, for the defence, said the boy's supervision order was progressing successfully. Two months ago, he admitted a long list of offences including violence and car theft and was made the subject of a supervision order, part of which is being spent at the Bryn Melyn centre near Bala, Gwynedd, which sent him on the safari.

The boy returned to Bryn Melyn after the hearing. His mother did not attend court.



Wanamaker: dreamt of rebuilding the Globe

Stars pay tribute to champion of Globe

BY A STAFF REPORTER

FILM and stage stars paid tribute yesterday to the American actor Sam Wanamaker, whose obsession will provide Britain with a living memorial to Shakespeare.

Mr Wanamaker, who died of cancer last December aged 74, campaigned for almost 40 years to rebuild Shakespeare's Globe playhouse on its original site on the Thames south bank. It is due to stage its first production next year.

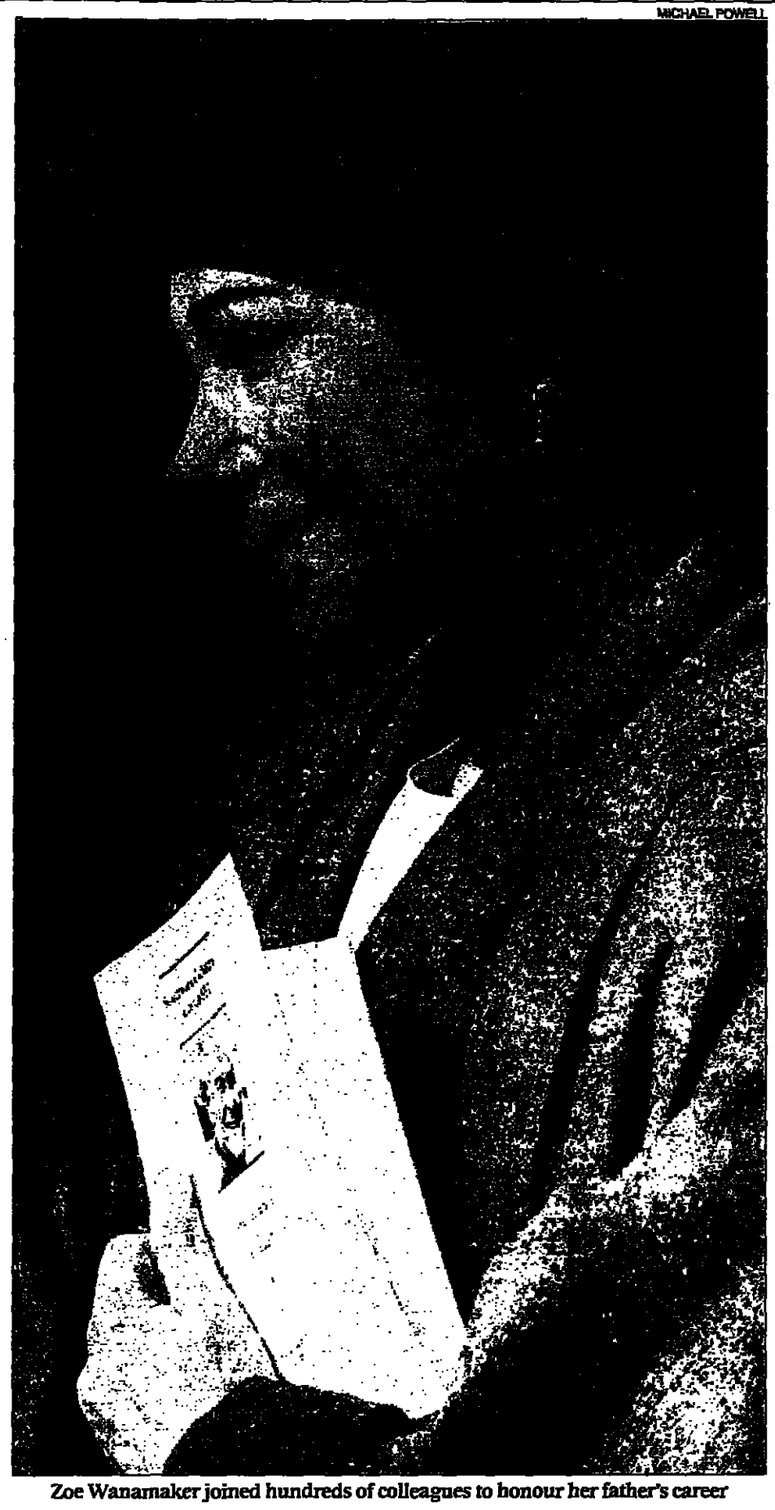
More than 700 actors and actresses, including Robert Powell, James Fox and Frank Finlay, attended a memorial service at Southwark Cathedral. The congregation included his widow Charlotte and his three daughters Zoe, Abby and Jessica.

The actor Keith Baxter said: "Many people dream dreams. He took his and shook it by the scruff of the neck, and in pursuit of his dreams he sacrificed his career and his health."

The head of the International Shakespeare Globe Centre, Sir Michael Perry, told the congregation how Wanamaker sent him a card days before he died in which he urged him to carry on the fight for the Globe. In the card, he wrote: "Sorry I won't be with you to share the celebrations, but I have been celebrating anyway."

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MICHAEL POWELL



Zoe Wanamaker joined hundreds of colleagues to honour her father's career

Writing on the wall for graffiti

BY NICK NUTTALL
TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A NEW non-stick coating that could spell the end of the graffiti artist has been developed by scientists.

The substance, which can be sprayed on to surfaces like a paint, will keep barnacles off ships' bottoms, repel dirt and stains from the interior surfaces of cars, and make it easy to wipe off graffiti.

Tests show that paint sprayed on to the coating is turned into beads rather like water on a newly waxed car. The beads can be swiftly wiped away with a bucket of warm water and a mop.

The material, details of which are disclosed in the British journal *Nature*, has been developed by researchers at the Dow Chemical Company in Michigan, United States. It is being developed commercially by the 3M Company.

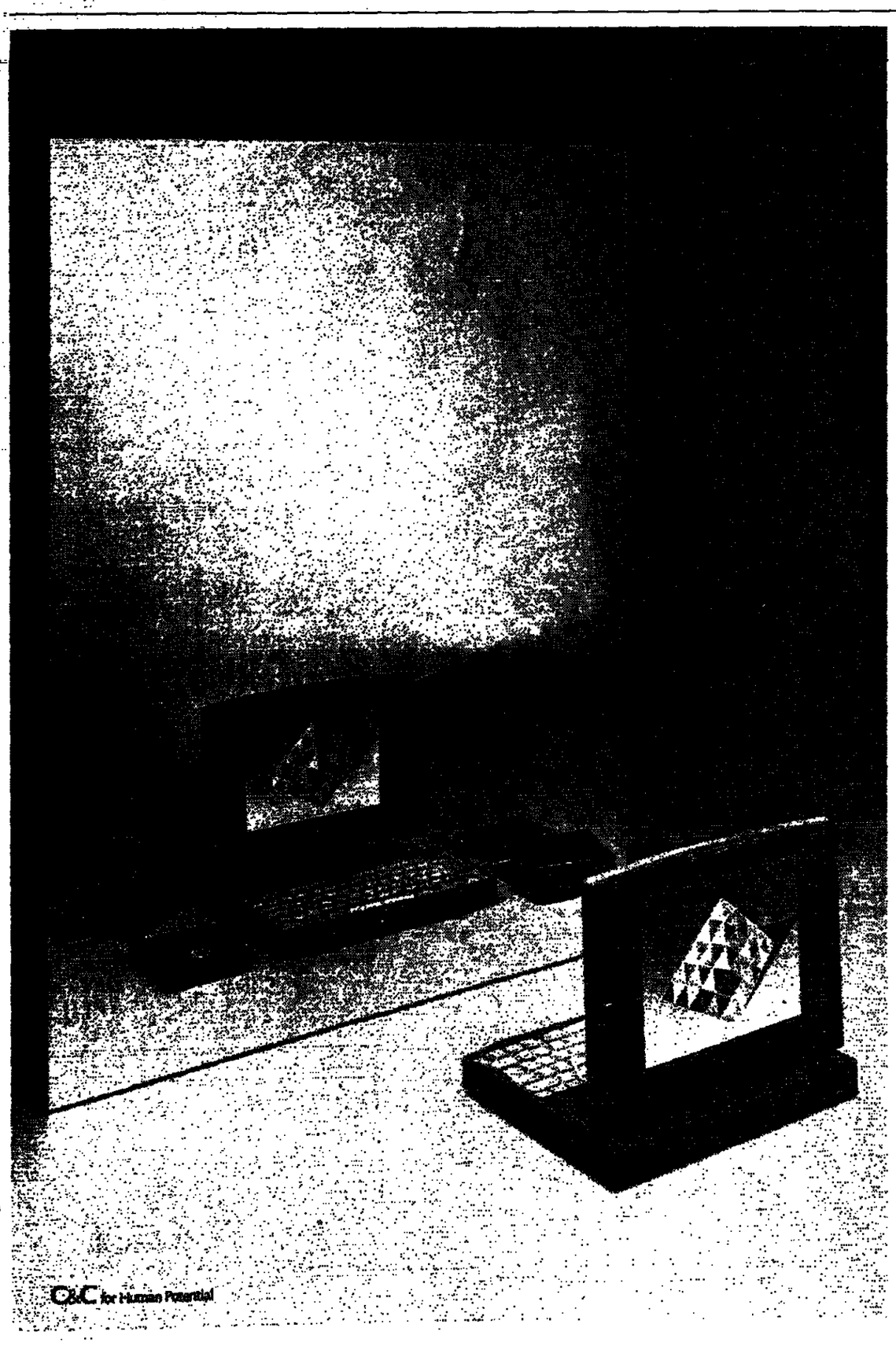
Dr Robert Brady, a chemist with the US Naval Research Laboratory in Washington DC, said yesterday that the applications were almost limitless.

"Barnacles or stains, such as a graffiti artist's paint, adhere weakly or not at all," he said. "Other applications might be in implants such as artificial blood vessels or hearts where you do not want the accumulation of cell debris that could cause a thrombosis," he said.

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Hurd says weapons contract was once linked to dam aid

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

■ The Foreign Secretary has conceded to a Commons select committee that the Ministry of Defence mistakenly linked two deals

DOUGLAS Hurd yesterday disclosed important details of the "incorrect" link between British aid for the Pergau dam project and arms sales between Britain and Malaysia.

The Foreign Secretary said that a protocol signed by George Younger, the former Defence Secretary, contained a promise to provide overseas aid equivalent to 20 per cent of £1 billion of defence orders.

However, Mr Hurd insisted that the link was discovered to be a mistake and was later corrected and replaced with a separate £200 million aid offer.

Opposition MPs reacted with incredulity to Mr Hurd's contention that the amendment had ensured that the two deals were no longer linked. Had they been linked, it would have breached government policy.

Mr Hurd looked less relaxed than usual at the Commons enquiry by the foreign affairs select committee. However, he presented a forthright defence of the Government's decision to fund a project condemned by his senior officials as "unequivocally unsound".

The Government has been repeatedly accused of linking the offer of aid to subsequent defence orders worth £1 billion. Mr Hurd was called to give evidence after Sir Tim Lankester, permanent secretary to the Overseas Development Administration until the end of January, disclosed that he had been overruled in 1991 by Mr Hurd and John Major after advising against British backing for the Pergau project.

Mr Hurd reiterated earlier claims that the promise of overseas help was not linked to Malaysian orders for defence equipment and said that the affair had been overtaken by unfounded and irrelevant allegations.

Referring to a spate of accusations, Mr Hurd said: "To the best of my knowledge, most of these stories are creatures of fancy."

Occasionally irritated by repeated questioning over alleged links between the two deals, Mr Hurd insisted that there was no link when the formal contracts were arranged, although he acknowledged the two had become temporarily and mistakenly entangled by Mr Younger, now Lord Younger of Prestwick.

Mr Hurd said that Mr Younger visited Kuala Lumpur in March 1988 to arrange defence contracts worth £1 billion. Mr Hurd said the protocol on defence sales was "handled by the Ministry of Defence 100 per cent". In an apparent attempt to distance other senior ministers, including Baroness Thatcher, from the link, Mr Hurd made clear that Lord Younger and Sir Nicholas Spreckley, Britain's former High Commissioner in Kuala Lumpur, were responsible. "It was negotiated in Kuala Lumpur and there was no clearance such as one would have during protracted, leisurely negotiations in Whitehall," he said.

Sir John Stanley, the Conservative MP for Tonbridge and Malling, said that the select committee would assume that "a very firm undertaking" linking aid to the sale of arms would be referred to the Foreign Office.

Mr Hurd insisted: "My researchers indicate that the Foreign Secretary was not consulted before the protocol was signed."

Mr Hurd was asked why it was necessary to disentangle the two deals. He replied: "It was felt by my predecessors that it would be wrong for Malaysia or any other country to think these policies were interlinked.

"They did have to be separately pursued and they have been since 1988."

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Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, leaving the Commons yesterday

Arms trade 'fixer' makes reluctant return to limelight

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

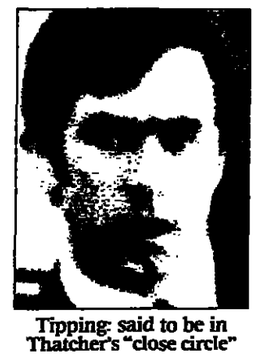
STEVE Tipping, a close friend of Mark Thatcher and one of the alleged brokers of the £1.3 billion Malaysian arms deal, was first named as a defence "fixer" during a parliamentary enquiry into the Iraqi Supergun affair.

His alleged role emerged during evidence given by Gerald James, former head of Astra holdings, to the Commons trade and industry committee two years ago. He said that Mr Tipping was part of a tight circle of company directors and ministers, defence officials who had influence throughout the 1980s in the defence industry. They included Baron Younger of Prestwick, the former defence secretary, and Sir Colin Chandler, a British Aerospace executive seconded to the Ministry of Defence, Mr James said.

Mr Tipping was identified by Sir David Steel, the Liberal Democrats' foreign affairs spokesman, during yesterday's debate on the Pergau dam affair as one of Baroness Thatcher's "close circle" that often seems to have been involved when she "batted for Britain".

It is not the first time that Mr Tipping has been thrust reluctantly into the limelight as result of his friendship with Mark Thatcher, whom he met through a shared interest in motor racing in the 1970s. In 1979, they formed Monteagle Marketing, which was involved in the successful bid for a construction contract in Oman in 1984.

A year later, Mr Tipping was one of two important figures to bring together Lady Thatcher and Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed, the Malaysian prime minister, to end the "Buy British Last" campaign. The other was Tan Sri Arumugam, a Malaysian businessman, whose role was first revealed in *The Times*. Mr Arumugam is a big shareholder in GEC Malaysia.



Tipping: said to be in Thatcher's "close circle"

Mr Tipping is a regular visitor to Kuala Lumpur, where he often works out of one of the offices of Mr Arumugam. People in the defence industry know him as a "facilitator", a deal maker and an agent.

Sir Tim Bell, the public relations adviser who was also named by Sir David yesterday as a member of Lady Thatcher's close circle, has written to the Liberal Democrats pointing out that his company, Lowe Bell Communications, "has not been involved in any commercial aspect whatsoever" of either the Pergau project or the arms package.

Malaysia blames British media and suggests solution to dispute



Anwar: "What we are asking for is justice"

FROM JAMES PRINGLE
IN KUALA LUMPUR

MALAYSIA opened the door yesterday to the possibility that if the British Government distanced itself from some claims in the British media, an end to the trade dispute could be in sight.

While emphasising that an immediate reversal of the "buy British last" policy was unlikely, the deputy Prime Minister, Anwar Ibrahim, said: "I don't think it would be fair for me to say that under no circumstances would we remain as rigid as that. What we are asking for is justice."

He was speaking after a cabinet meeting which discussed possible British retaliation to Malaysia's actions. His remarks seemed to indicate that at some time the decision could be reversed, as the Malaysians did in their squabble with Australia last year after Paul Keating, the Australian Prime Minister, called his Malaysian counterpart, Dr Mahathir Mohamed, a "recalcitrant" for boycotting an Asia-Pacific summit in Seattle.

To the British Government, Mr Anwar, 46, the heir apparent to Dr Mahathir, said: "We would like them to explain their side." He pointed out the problem was not with the British Government, but with some of the British media. Mr Anwar's words seemed to reinforce a statement by Dr Mahathir on Tuesday that he was disappointed over the British Government's silence "on the lies spread by the irresponsible British media".

Foreign envoys here have been puzzled by the way the Malaysian government has apparently painted itself into a corner in the row with Britain, penalising the British Government and business for the perceived sins of the media, particularly allegations that the Prime Minister sought a pay-off from a British construction company seeking a building contract.

The deputy Prime Minister said comments in the British press had included those with "racist overtones", and added that it was "amazing that *The Sunday Times* could publish a report alleging the Malaysian Prime Minister had taken a US$50,000 bribe from a British construction company for a project that was non-existent".

He stressed that while Malaysia's action involved only government contracts, it was becoming clear that much of the civil sector was taking its cue from the government and was backing away from big British companies.

Mr Anwar also denied that there was any link between the Pergau dam and arms sales. Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, has pointed to some "entanglement" between the two at an early stage.

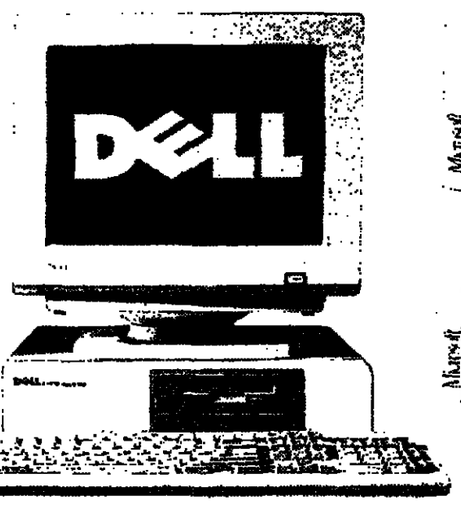
Earlier, Dr Mahathir said British government aid was actually aimed at helping British companies to secure contracts, not to help the Malaysian government. He claimed that most British companies gave higher quotes in tenders than foreign competitors and to help them their Government gave them aid.

Foreign diplomats hoped that Malaysian leaders were now seeking a way out from the hole they had dug themselves into. One observer here said: "They have had previous squabbles with the US and Australia but always left themselves with a convenient exit. It's a puzzling exercise. One can only assume Mahathir, who has an amazingly self-indulgent view of himself, acted out of pique at the allegations.

"What is mystifying this time is that they have given themselves no escape route, perhaps because they overreacted in the first place. Hopefully now they are casting about for one."

The British Government can, of course, hardly apologise for something it did not do. However, a gesture indicating it did not accept the allegations of corruption involving Dr Mahathir might help the Malaysians to regain face.

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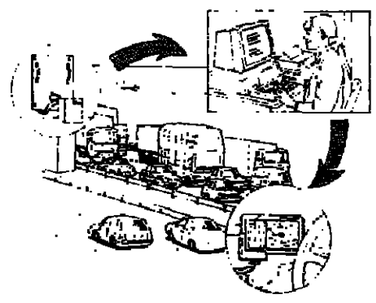
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Failure to halt spread of killer disease worries World Health Organisation

Bubonic plague makes deadly global comeback

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

THE bubonic plague or Black Death that killed millions across Europe in the Middle Ages could be making a global comeback, according to a World Health Organisation (WHO) report.

An increasing number of cases are being reported in Africa, Asia, South America and even the United States, although statistics are incomplete because of inadequate surveillance.

WHO's report reveals that in 1992, the last year for which figures are available, nine countries reported a total of 1,768 cases of plague including 198 deaths. This may not represent the full figure because of a lack of laboratory facilities in some regions.

Two people died in America and there were 13 cases across California, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Arizona and New Mexico. No known cases occurred in Britain.

The report says the disease is spreading because of poverty and poor hygiene and because people are travelling more widely. WHO is conducting a study of human plague during the last 30 years, the results of which will be published later this year.

WHO experts from 12 countries will meet in Geneva next month to discuss the risk of plague and other diseases, including tuberculosis, which were believed to have been under control.

"WHO is concerned that if countries are not alerted to the risk of plague it could make a serious comeback," said a spokesman. "People of all ages are continuing to die of a disease that is notoriously difficult to control. The plague is still fatal in the 20th century." Other countries affected by plague are Madagascar (198 cases, 26 deaths), Zaire (390 cases, 140 deaths), Brazil (25 cases, no deaths), Peru (120 cases, four deaths), China (35 cases, six deaths), Mongolia (12 cases, four deaths), Burma (528 cases, three deaths) and Vietnam (437 cases, 13 deaths). Plague is spread from rats to humans most frequently by fleas transmitting the germ *Yersinia pestis*.

It has three forms: bubonic, pneumonic and septicaemic, of which bubonic is the most common, causing fever and pain. Lymphatic glands near the infected bite swell into hard, painful tumours. Plague can be treated with antibiotics if caught in time. The disease occurs most frequently in rural areas and in some poorer countries drugs are not always available.

WHO's report comes amid growing concern that scourges which ravaged mankind in the Middle Ages are returning. Illnesses such as diphtheria and tuberculosis have been increasing since 1990.

In Russia, mainly in St Petersburg, diphtheria cases reached 10,000 in the first ten months of last year, up 350 per cent on 1992. Doctors believe a reduction in the budget for health care since the Commonwealth of Independent States was established has led to inadequate treatment, and there is also a reluctance among Russians to be immunised because they fear dirty needles could transmit the Aids virus.

Cases of diphtheria contracted in Russia and the Ukraine by travellers were diagnosed in Norway, Poland, Estonia and Finland in 1993.

WHO is also alarmed by the spread of tuberculosis, which it calls "a global health crisis" and "humanity's greatest killer". It predicts 30 million TB deaths worldwide by the end of the decade. Malnutrition and poor health, as well as the proliferation of Aids, have been blamed for the disease's rapid rise.

In Britain, doctors have said that TB is again on the increase.

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Waco siege Briton reunited with family

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A BRITON cleared of the murder of US federal agents during the siege of the Branch Davidian sect in Waco spoke of the "nightmare" of his six-week trial yesterday

Norman Allison, 29, a rap singer, flew home from America yesterday under a voluntary deportation to a reunion in Manchester with his mother Ethlyn and his sister Verna.

Federal agents and 84 sect members — 23 of them British — died during the 51-day siege of the Waco compound in Texas which ended in an inferno last year. Mr Allison, of Withington, Manchester, was one of 11 people cleared of conspiracy and murder charges in San Antonio on Saturday.

Two other Britons, Renos Avram and Livingston Fagan, were cleared of murder but are awaiting sentence for manslaughter.

Mr Allison said he had not been at the compound when the siege started but he was held when he returned to see what was happening. "It has been a nightmare," he said, adding that he was not a member of David Koresh's Branch Davidian sect but had gone to Waco to try to further his musical career. "There is no doubt the authorities used excessive force. I was confident I would be cleared."

An inquest on the British victims of the siege will be held in Manchester, probably later this year.



Allison at Manchester Airport yesterday

Wife died days after abortion

A mother of three daughters died after seeking an abortion when she discovered that her next child would also be a girl, an inquest was told.

Sarbjit Kaur Lal, 29, told the Marie Stopes pregnancy advisory centre, which sanctioned the operation, that financial and emotional difficulties were the reason for the termination. However, her husband Bahader, 31, told David Hinchliff, the Leeds coroner, that his wife had decided to get rid of the child after learning its sex.

Mrs Lal, a quality controller from Bradford who was 19 weeks pregnant, died on May 31 last year in St James's University Hospital, Leeds, where she had undergone the operation three days earlier. The cause of death was a heart attack due to haemorrhaging. The inquest continues.

Suspect dies

A man whom police wanted to charge with two murders has died in Royal Preston Hospital. Roger Davies, 48, suffered severe burns as he set fire to his former home, trapping his ex-wife Lynda and her lover Paul Shaw, of Blackpool.

Mother held

Anne Murrie, 38, from Caversham, Berkshire, has been remanded in custody for a week by Southend magistrates, charged with murdering her daughter Louise, 9.

Rabies alert

A rabies alert has been sparked by a racoon that entered a house at Nacton, Suffolk. It is believed it escaped from a ship at Felixstowe.

Rescued boy

Martin Shipman, 3, who was saved from drowning at Porthleven, Cornwall, on Sunday, has died in hospital.

Bond winner

The winner of this month's £250,000 National Savings premium bond prize is the holder of bond 26PW 759301, from Staffordshire (value of holding £50).

Man with no name freed after 74 days

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A MYSTERY man walked free yesterday after spending ten weeks in jail for refusing to give his name.

The man, known only as Mr X, appeared in court seven times but always refused to give his name, age or address.

He was charged with a petty offence and would have been freed immediately had he revealed his identity. Instead he was locked up for 74 days, including Christmas.

Police believe he may be a 21-year-old from Renfrew, Strathclyde. They even have a possible name which they can't confirm but, if they are right, he has no criminal record.

The man would chat with police and prison guards about the weather, football and politics but would clam up when asked about his identity. When he appeared before magistrates at Merthyr Tydfil, Mid Glamorgan, yesterday he again refused to reply when asked for his name. However, this time the court freed him with an absolute discharge and a compensation order of £585.

Mr X was arrested in December for jumping on the bonnet of a car at traffic lights in Caerphilly, Mid Glamorgan. In legal terms he was described as mute by malice.

His vow of silence cost the Home Office £5,000 to keep him at Swansea prison. John Bailey, a police spokesman, said: "It's a strange case and we will never be sure who he was."

The man with no name is described as being in his early twenties, 5ft 9in, with brown hair.

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Anthony Lake: helping to build transatlantic ties

Diplomacy outshines US fireworks

Forget all the razzmatazz, the evening out and fireworks display in Pittsburgh and all the guff about the personal chemistry (or lack of it) between John Major and Bill Clinton. What made the Prime Minister's trip to America successful was the extent of agreement on issues ranging from Bosnia, via Russia and Northern Ireland, to Hong Kong.

Paradoxically, the earlier differences over Bosnia and Northern Ireland were a help rather than a hindrance. They encouraged Mr Clinton to be positive and welcoming, while also ensuring a concentration on issues of substance rather than just rhetoric.

On Bosnia, the crucial event was the Nato ultimatum on Sarajevo. Britain was persuaded to back the ultimatum because of the dangers of an open rift with Washington which might undermine the American commitment to Nato and its military presence in Europe. In the past, British ministers have been critical of the Clinton Administration for taking a high moral stand in backing the Muslims, but failing to follow through, either diplomatically or on the ground.

That has now changed. The ultimatum has worked, so far, and the Americans have been encouraged by this success to be more active, in part as a counter to the unexpected Russian initiative. The Americans have brokered a framework agreement on a loose federation between Bosnian Muslims and Croats.

Mr Major has been keen to bind the Americans, as well as the Russians, into these diplomatic efforts but also to build on the ceasefire in Sarajevo. The British side sees symbolic and substantive advantages in the announcement of the joint civil planning mission, going to Sarajevo in a day or two to assess what needs to be done to repair damage to power, water and other utilities. British and American policies on Bosnia are now more closely aligned than they have been for two years.

On Northern Ireland, the row over the Gerry Adams visa has in retrospect had salutary side-effects. His failure to renounce violence and back the British/Irish declaration has exposed him, especially if the level of violence is stepped up, while clearly disappointing some White House advisers who had backed the visa. No one is so crude as to request an apology from the Clinton Administration or to mutter "I told you so". The President merely says it is too early to assess the impact of Mr Adams's visit. In the absence of any concession from Mr Adams, Mr Clinton has warmly supported the actions of Mr Major and Albert Reynolds, and condemned violence. Mr Adams will have to try much harder if he wants to return to America.

None of this affects the shift in strategic relations since the Cold War ended: the reduced emphasis on security relative to economic and trade matters, the greater attention on Asia and, internally, on health care reform. Moreover, for all the closeness of the working relationship, British ministers and officials retain doubts about the Clinton Administration after earlier incidents when US officials have said one thing and done another for reasons of political expediency. What irked Downing Street about the Adams episode was that British officials believed they had reached an understanding with their American counterparts, and so felt let down.

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

The air has been cleared, for the moment. That did not need all the fuss and calculated words of mutual reassurance which were, at best, an irrelevance and, at worst, a further stimulus to neurotic navel-gazing about transatlantic relations. What mattered was the undramatic working diplomacy, and the midnight and weekend calls between Roderic Lyne, Mr Major's foreign affairs private secretary, and Anthony Lake, the US National Security Adviser.

PETER RIDDELL

Firms urged to run health care services

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PRIVATE firms should be encouraged to set up "one-stop shops" which provide a full range of primary health care, ranging from GP services to routine surgery, Virginia Bottomley said yesterday.

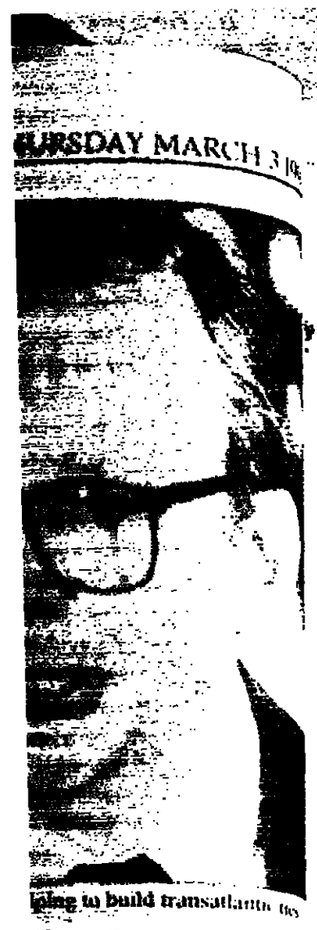
Calling for a much larger role for the private sector in funding, providing and organising health care, the Health Secretary said she expected to see a range of new initiatives backed by private investment. In future private finance should be "the rule rather than the exception", she said.

The independent sector could finance and run modern community-based health facilities or polyclinics which were urgently needed, particularly in inner London, she told a Bow Group conference in London. These could provide traditional primary health services, including eye and dental services, as well treatment usually only provided in hospital such as minor surgery and intensive rehabilitative care which would allow patients to be discharged more quickly from hospital.

Mrs Bottomley has commissioned consultants, Newchurch and Company, to look at the potential of private finance. Another idea being considered is setting up GP surgeries at mainline railway stations for time-pressed commuters. Newchurch and Company suggested that private organisations could build, finance, run and, if necessary, staff these new services. They could then lease premises or charge the health service for treatment provided.

Mrs Bottomley said the Government had no intention of destroying the "public service ethic" of the NHS. Treatment would still be free at the point of need and the bulk of provision would remain "in house". But she said the private sector could help in reducing costs and improving quality. "It is of less consequence to us who provides a service than how it is provided," she said. She made no apology for the Government's belated attempts to regain the initiative on private finance, following Labour's new offensive on joint public/private sector projects last week.

"Not so long ago Robin Cook would have been stationed just beyond those doors with his handouts denouncing us as a gang of heartless privatisers," Mrs Bottomley said. "Today we talk openly and with radical zeal about private finance in the NHS and barely an eyelid blinks."



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Heseltine defends ministers' role in Rover takeover

BY JONATHAN PRYNN AND ROBERT MORGAN

The Tories are wholly to blame for the failures of British industry over the past 15 years, claims Robin Cook

MICHAEL Heseltine showed in the Commons last night that despite his heart attack last summer he has lost none of the verve and panache that has made him a party conference favourite and a formidable debater for more than a decade.

Speaking during a Labour-initiated debate on manufacturing, he mocked Opposition policies and accused Labour MPs of posturing in an attempt to get cheap publicity. Their attack on Britain's manufacturing record was nothing more than mischief making, he said. They lost no opportunity to run Britain down.

Robin Cook, the shadow Trade Secretary, opening the debate, focused his attack on the £800 million sale of Rover, Britain's last volume motor manufacturer, to BMW. The real disgrace of the Rover sale was that there was no British consortium to compete with the BMW bid and no Government effort to put one together, he said.

The Government was wholly to blame for the failures of British industry over the past 15 years, not least because of the two recessions, which had "closed more industrial capacity than was detroyed by enemy action in the last war".

"I believe the achievements of UK companies over the last 15 years has been heroic given the background against which they've had to operate," Mr Cook said.

The Government had presided over a drop of one third in the proportion of national income invested in manufacturing. Even in the best year of the Tory Government the record of manufacturing investment had failed to match the worst year of the last Labour administration or even of the Heath Government, Mr Cook said.

Labour would put Britain back on the road towards rising levels of investment by reforming the tax system, setting up new funding institutions and by removing the Treasury funding strait-jacket from public sector enterprise.

Mr Heseltine was loudly cheered by Tory backbenchers when he rose to reply to Mr Cook.

The President of the Board of Trade said that under Labour Britain would make everything from cars to notepaper to brushes. But one thing it would not make was profits.

Mr Cook had made Labour policy clear beyond peradventure, he said. If companies did not make profits, only the state could intervene. But the state was not going to intervene and "therefore we will have no companies".

Mr Heseltine pointed to the success of British manufacturing under the Conservatives, saying that this was a result of the Government "returning the commanding heights of the economy to the private sector".

Although Labour called for higher investment, millions had been invested recently by Ford, Vauxhall and the Japanese car makers. For the Opposition to pretend that investment was not taking place was "a travesty of the truth".

He defended the Government's role in the takeover of Rover, saying that ministers had got undertakings from BMW that Rover would be maintained as a seperate enterprise based in Britain. But the deal, Mr Heseltine said, meant Rover would be able to take advantage of BMW's international dealer base and its expertise.

Labour failed to recognise that manufacturing represented only a part of the wealth-creating process. It was myopic to ignore the energy industries, tourism, construction and other areas.



Stormy birth for Ulster watchdog

BY PHILIP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR

A ROW is certain today when the Government unveils plans for a new select committee on Northern Ireland. The move, coming as the latest attempt to find a political settlement in Ulster appears stalled, will provoke an angry backlash from Opposition MPs and the nationalist SDLP.

John Hume, the SDLP leader, is likely to attack the plan because it will be portrayed by Unionists as a symbol of greater Ulster integration within the UK.

Tony Newton, the Commons Leader, will table a plan for a 13-strong committee. Labour is furious that he is proposing an effective built-in majority for the Government, with six Tory MPs and the Popular Unionist Party leader Sir James Kilfedder, who normally supports the Government. There would be three Unionists, one SDLP member and two Labour MPs.

The issue will be debated in the Commons next week.

Insurance tax targets 'victims of crime'

BY ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

LABOUR yesterday accused the Government of levying a "VAT" bill on insurance which will force up premiums at a time when people are also being hit by rising crime.

The insurance premium tax of 2.5 per cent is due to be introduced on all car, home and travel insurance from November as part of last November's Budget package.

Harriet Harman, shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury, launching a campaign against the tax, said: "The people of Britain will be hit by a triple whammy of rising crime, rising insurance premiums and now a tax on insurance premiums. It is a tax on rising crime and a tax on the victims of crime.

"Everyone in Britain is already paying the price of the Government's failure on law and order. It is an unfair tax. It hits hardest at those living in high crime areas which are often the most disadvantaged areas of the country."

According to Labour figures, domestic burglaries in England and Wales have risen by 70 per cent since 1987 and home and contents insurance premiums have more than doubled. The average household in the South West, which already spends £495 a year on motor, household contents and structural insurance, will have to pay £12.37 more under the new 2.5 per cent tax.

"The Government broke a promise when it put VAT on gas and electricity, and now it is betraying the electorate all over again by attempting to put VAT on insurance," she said.

Sir John Cope, the Paymaster General, said: "Insurance is a lightly taxed area and the new tax will raise revenue in a way that does minimum harm to incentive. It is not VAT. It is only 2.5 per cent on net premiums. We have established that for the typical family with motor, household contents and building insurance the average additional cost will be 35p a week."

Gardiner's loyalty called into question

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE backstage battle for control of the Tory right became a test of loyalty to John Major yesterday as the two contestants issued sharply conflicting manifestos.

Sir Anthony Durant, the former whip challenging the Thatcherite Sir George Gardiner for the chairmanship of the 92 Group, questioned his rival's support for the Prime Minister in a private letter to the 107 MPs entitled to vote in the secret ballot to be declared in mid-March.

Sir George also wrote to his colleagues, defending the right of MPs to champion their beliefs and warning against the dangers of allowing the 92 to become an outpost of the Whips' Office.

Sir Anthony, MP for Reading West, said: "I have become anxious recently that our group — which I regard as the core expression of grassroots Tory opinion — has conducted its business in public and in a way that has sometimes seemed to place a question mark over our collective loyalty to the Government."

Sir George said: "Ours is essentially a loyalist grouping, but that does not mean we should be subservient. I believe our Government is strengthened, not weakened, by our advocacy of sound policies ... We would betray our purpose if we were to operate with one eye on the short-term requirements of the Whip's Office."

The outcome of the battle is being closely watched at Westminster as a barometer of backbench support for the Prime Minister. If Sir Anthony ousts Sir George, one of the original "gang of four" around Margaret Thatcher in the late 1970s, Mr Major will be more confident of weathering any future leadership crisis.

Sir Anthony also suggested that the 92 — formed in the mid-1960s with the goal of "keeping the Conservative Party conservative" — has lost its way under Sir George's ten years at the helm.

AROUND THE LOBBY

Customs hit by thieves

Computers and other equipment worth about £250,000 have been stolen in the past three years from departments controlled by the Treasury.

Anthony Nelson, the Economic Secretary, said in a written reply that thefts from Customs and Excise included 49 personal computers, ten portable computers and two laptops. Other departments lost more computer equipment as well as 23 microwave ovens, 11 cameras and nine television sets. Thefts from the Treasury itself amounted to a more modest £1,700 worth of office equipment — and nothing was reported stolen from the Royal Mint.

Cameras cut road deaths

Roadside speed cameras at sites with a history of accidents are reducing deaths and injuries, Robert Key, the Roads and Traffic Minister, said in a written reply. Research at a West London pilot project showed that accidents were down by a quarter and deaths and serious injuries down by 40 per cent.

Big spenders

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FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

■ Israel's policy of trying to punish Jewish militants while quelling Arab unrest is unlikely to persuade the Palestinian leadership to return to the negotiating table

YITZHAK Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, vowed yesterday that the huge security clampdown on Palestinians in the occupied territories would remain in force indefinitely.

Speaking as violence again flared throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the Israeli leader gave a warning that violence and regional diplomatic moves could seriously threaten the chances for a peace deal with the Palestine Liberation Organisation. The worst violence yesterday was in the West Bank town of Hebron, where a partial lifting of a six-day curfew led to clashes between thousands of youths and heavily reinforced Israeli troops. Witnesses said that one teenage Palestinian was shot dead.

Further disturbances were reported in the normally sleepy Jordan valley town of Jericho, which is intended to be the seat of the future Palestinian government. Some 400 youths pelted army vehicles and a police station with stones, and security forces responded by shooting one youth dead. As his body was carried away, Palestinians chanted "Revenge" and vowed to retaliate. Sporadic demonstrations were also reported in the Gaza Strip, where hospitals recorded that least 50 Palestinians were treated for gunshot wounds.

Mr Rabin said that while tensions remained high he planned to continue to impose widespread curfews over most of the two million Arab inhabitants of the territories. He also promised to step up his government's crackdown on militant Jewish settlers affiliated to the racist Kach movement, whose member, Barukh Goldstein, carried out the Hebron mosque massacre last Friday.

Israeli police have already begun revoking gun licenses of dozens of Kach supporters as well as banning members from visiting the territories. Those already residing as settlers in the West Bank have been told that they cannot enter Hebron.

However, the policy of trying to punish Jewish militants while quelling unrest and persuading the Palestinian leadership to return to the negotiating table, did not appear to be succeeding. In particular, the PLO has launched a concerted international lobbying campaign to press for its preconditions to return to the peace talks: the disarming of all settlers, the uprooting of militant settlements in Hebron, and the stationing of an international force to protect Palestinians from further attacks.

Mr Rabin reiterated yesterday that all three demands were unacceptable and said Israel was only prepared to allow representatives of international donor countries to open offices in Gaza and Jericho, the first areas of Palestinian autonomous rule. However, the Israeli government is clearly concerned that Russia, one of the co-sponsors of the peace process, is supportive of the idea of deploying an international force in the occupied territories and that the proposal might also be accepted in Europe.

Last night Igor Ivanov, the Russian Deputy Foreign Minister, was due in Jerusalem after delivering an "important message" from President Yeltsin to Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, in Tunis.

"The Palestinians today require international protection more than any time before," said Saeb Erekat, who led the PLO delegation to talks in Washington last month, and who was slightly injured yesterday in Jericho.

"They [the Israelis] know very well that they are the main obstacle to peace and they know that, after the massacre, life can't go on the same way as before," he said.

☐ **Appeal rejected:** A Jewish settler suspected of a California letter-bomb killing in 1980 lost her final appeal in Jerusalem against extradition to the United States. Rochelle Manning, 53, an orthodox Jew, contended she would be unable to follow a religious lifestyle in an American prison. The Israeli Supreme Court said it accepted assurances that she would be given kosher food and modest clothing.

Ms Manning, who was born in the United States, lived in Kiryat Arba, the West Bank settlement where Goldstein had made his home. *(Reuter)*

Sidon: The Pope will visit Lebanon as planned on May 28, despite a church bombing that killed nine people on Sunday, Mgr Pablo Puente, the Vatican Nuncio, said yesterday. The pontiff would visit the southern port city of Sidon to bless the faithful in the municipal stadium.

Nine worshippers died and 55 others were wounded when a bomb exploded in Our Lady of Deliverance Church, north of Beirut, during a Lenten Mass last Sunday. *(AFP)*

Hebron casts shadow over messianic Brooklyn Jews

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE shadow of Friday's massacre at a mosque in Israeli-occupied Hebron has fallen across New York as police and FBI agents mount a nationwide hunt for the gunman who opened fire on a van full of Hasidic Jewish students, critically wounding two and injuring two others.

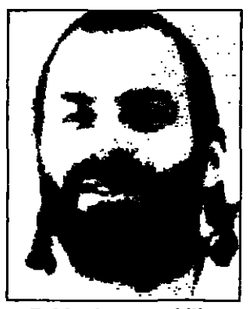
The motive of the attacker, who sprayed the van with two 9mm automatic pistols as it crossed the Brooklyn Bridge on Tuesday morning, remains unclear. Police have not ruled out retaliation for the massacre of Muslims in Hebron by Barukh Goldstein, a Brooklyn-born settler. "There's no hard evidence, but it's something you can't exclude," said Rudolph Giuliani, the New York mayor.

Staff at St Vincent's Hospital, New York, said one student, Aaron Halberstam, 15, was unlikely to survive. The other seriously wounded student is still listed in critical condition with head wounds.

The students are members of the Lubovitch Hasidic sect and were returning to the predominantly Jewish neighbourhood of Crown Heights after delivering Grand Rebbe Menachem Schneerson, the Lubovitch leader, to a Manhattan hospital for minor eye surgery.

The rebbe, 91, is regarded as the Messiah by his followers, and the attack has prompted speculation that the target may have been the rebbe himself. Rabbi Schmuel Butman, a prominent member of New York's Hasidic community, called the attack a "deliberate act of terrorism against the Jewish people".

Immediately after the shooting one of the 14 students in the van described hearing the lone gunman shout "Kill The Jews!" in Arabic, but police refused to confirm that any exchange was heard before the man opened fire. The FBI and the Joint Terrorist Task Force have been brought in to help with the manhunt and $30,000 (£20,000) has been offered as a reward.



Goldstein: mass killer was born in Brooklyn

Irish star pays lip service to pop prize rebellion

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

FRANK Sinatra won a lifetime achievement award and British star Sting was voted best male pop singer at the 36th Grammy Awards in New York but it was Bono of the Irish band U2 who stole the show by throwing in the F-word on live television.

Bono later justified his use of the expletive in a slight on the mainstream pop industry, claiming he was fulfilling his promise "to the young people of America" to keep the rebellion in rock 'n' roll. He confided that he used the word every day, lest anyone should doubt his rebellious credentials.

More than a billion people globally watched the awards ceremony on Tuesday night in which Hollywood films featured prominently. The Disney soundtrack for *Aladdin* won five Grammys, while singer Whitney Houston got three for her performance in the film *The Bodyguard*.

Sting, with six nominations, also won awards for best engineered album and best long-form video, while two more pop stars no longer in the first bloom of youth, Meat Loaf and Ozzy Osbourne, were also honoured.

Sinatra, at 78 the most aged rocker of them all, received a tribute from Bono, who said: "Rock 'n' roll people love Frank. He has what we want: swagger and attitude. Frank's the chairman of bad attitude. He's the boss of bosses, the man, the big bang of pop."

"That's the best welcome I ever had," said Sinatra, visibly moved. He went on to reminisce about actor and former Rat Pack chum, Dean Martin, and said he needed a drink — at which point CBS television abruptly cut his speech and moved to a commercial.

Curtis Mayfield, the singer-songwriter who has been paralysed since a lighting rig fell on him during a concert, was serenaded by an all-star line-up including Bruce Springsteen, B. B. King and Bonnie Raitt.

Everybody thanked everybody else. Whitney Houston thanked God. Aretha Franklin, who also received a lifetime achievement award, gave thanks to her favourite food, macaroni cheese.



Grammy winners included Sting, above (best male pop vocalist, best music video); below, from left, Frank Sinatra (Living Legend award); Whitney Houston (record and album of the year, best female pop vocalist); and Bono of U2 (best alternative album)



WINNERS OF THE ANNUAL GRAMMY AWARDS

☐ **Record of the year:** *I Will Always Love You*, Whitney Houston, also best female pop vocal, album: *The Bodyguard*.
☐ **Song of the year:** *A Whole New World* (Aladdin's Theme), Alan Menken, Tim Rice, also best performance by pop duo or group: Peabo Bryson and Regina Belle.
☐ **New artist:** Toni Braxton.
☐ **Best male pop vocal performance:** *If I Ever Lose My Faith In You*, Sting.
☐ **Rock vocal, solo:** *I'd Do Anything for Love (But I Won't Do That)*, Meat Loaf.
☐ **Rock group:** *Livin' on the Edge*, Aerosmith.
☐ **Alternative album:** U2, *Zooropa*.
☐ **Living Legend:** Frank Sinatra.

De Klerk gives wary welcome to Inkatha pact

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN CAPE TOWN

PRESIDENT de Klerk gave a cautious welcome at question time in parliament yesterday to the agreement between Nelson Mandela and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi under which the mainly Zulu Inkatha Freedom Party will consider provisional registration for next April's elections by tomorrow's new deadline.

The chief, however, made no mention of the deal between himself and the African National Congress leader yesterday when he spoke to a caucus meeting of members of the KwaZulu legislature. He made it abundantly apparent that there was still a long way to go before he could support the new constitution. Chief Buthelezi, the Chief Minister of KwaZulu and leader of Inkatha, repeated dourly that there would be no participation in the election by his grouping unless the demands of the Zulu king, Goodwill Zwelitheni, for a kingdom separate from the rest of South Africa were granted.

If the ANC and the government went ahead with the April poll without the king's demands being met, "the KwaZulu government cannot be held responsible for the anger of the Zulu nation", he said. However, the government in Bophuthatswana, the other conservative black homeland, may well jump on the rapidly rolling bandwagon and register as well. The hard-right Conservative Party is thinking about doing the same. General Constand Viljoen, leader of the Afrikaner Volksfront, an umbrella group of right-wing organisations linked with the two homeland governments in the Freedom Alliance, flew to Cape Town yesterday to consult Ferdi Hartzenberg, the Conservatives' leader.

Dr Hartzenberg also made clear his hostility to the new constitutional amendments, which passed through parliament yesterday, when explaining his party's intention to vote against them. He said: "We asked for a fish and they have given us a snake. The amendments make no difference to the basic weakness of the constitution: it is a constitution for a unitary state." If the parties do deposit their 70,000 rands (£14,000) to register tomorrow, the chances of the country enjoying a relatively peaceful election campaign will be greatly enhanced. But Chief Buthelezi's objections to the constitution as it exists are so strong, and his personality so turbulent, that even if he registers he possibly will pull out again.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Besiegers to allow UN food into Kabul

Delhi: Afghan fighters besieging Kabul have promised to ease a food blockade imposed early last month, bringing hope of relief to hundreds of thousands of people who are facing starvation (Christopher Thomas writes).

Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, the Pashtun leader whose forces are within artillery range south of Kabul, said in response to pleas by Pakistan and aid agencies that he would allow limited United Nations food deliveries to the city so long as supplies did not reach government forces.

President Rabbani, whose writ runs only in a section of the capital after its carve-up by different factions, is fighting for survival two months after the city came under siege from Mr Hekmatyar's forces from the south and east. Uzbek fighters are attacking from the north, using fighter planes captured from the Russians before they pulled out.

Rail link cut

Tbilisi: An explosion on a 230ft bridge has cut the only rail link between Armenia and the outside world. Armenia has blamed Azerbaijanis living in Georgia for several recent blasts. *(Reuter)*

Police bombed

Adelaide: One policeman was killed and five were injured by a parcel bomb that severely damaged the offices of the South Australian National Crime Authority in central Adelaide.

Protest allowed

Harare: Peaceful demonstrations have become legal in Zimbabwe after a court ruling that a ban, which was challenged by six trade union leaders, breached constitutional rights.

Train lifts off

Bonn: The German government has approved a £3.6 billion project for a 300mph magnetic hover train that will cut the commuting time between Hamburg and Berlin to 60 minutes.

Swell uniform

Madrid: The Spanish navy has introduced a maternity uniform for its only pregnant sailor, who is based near Gibraltar. Women became able to join the navy in 1990 but only 73 have been recruited.

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Brussels new boys limber up for referendum race



Erhard Busek, the Austrian vice-chancellor, putting his hand on the shoulder of Alois Mock, the Foreign Minister, in Vienna yesterday after the EU negotiations

George Brock, Roger Boyes, Nicholas George and Olli Kivinen report on the widening of the European Union as Austria, Sweden and Finland prepare to jump the final hurdles to membership

WITH the bruising memories of the first Danish rejection of the Maastricht treaty still fresh in Brussels, European Union officials and diplomats said yesterday that the terms agreed this week for bringing Austria, Sweden and Finland into the EU faced big hurdles later this year.

Entry terms for the three governments were closed when Austria reached agreement on Tuesday after a session that had started last Friday afternoon and run throughout Monday night. The official clock had been "stopped" for almost 24 hours to allow the talks to finish inside the deadline at the end of February. The deals left Norway straggling behind: a last attempt to resolve the outstanding problems over fishing rights between the Norwegians and the Spanish will be made in Brussels early next week.

☐ **Austria:** Central Europe seems likely to gain a new spokesman in the EU if Austria manages to negotiate the final hurdle of its entry referendum this summer. That is already cause of some satisfaction in the East, especially in Hungary, which will apply for full membership of the EU next month, Peter Boross, the Hungarian Prime Minister, was reported as saying yesterday.

Budapest hopes radically to increase its many joint ventures with Austria and thus gain easier access to the European market. In Austria itself, however, there were mixed feelings yesterday about the outcome of the Brussels negotiations, even though the government is likely to carry the day in the referendum. The two ruling coalition partners, the Socialist Party of Austria, and the Austrian People's Party, naturally were pleased, although apprehensive about how the referendum — likely to be on June 12 — could be fitted into a complex calendar involving four state elections and a parliamentary poll.

☐ **Sweden:** The Swedish government's success in securing terms for entry into the Union is only the first shot in its battle to win over the nation's population, most of whom oppose EU membership.

Many Swedes fear that joining the European club will mean a loss of national sovereignty and compromise the country's traditional policy of neutrality and non-alignment. Opinion polls at the weekend indicated that if a referendum on membership were held now, 40 per cent would vote against, with only 32 per cent in favour.

Snap tests of opinion in the light of Tuesday's agreements, however, indicated a generally favourable reaction, although pro-EU campaigners know that previous upturns in support have been short-lived.

Carl Bildt, the Conservative Prime Minister, set out yeterday to sell the deal. He told parliament in Stockholm that "Sweden's most important international agreement in the past 100 years" opened up new political horizons and economic possibilities. His views are shared by the business community and the leadership of all the main political parties. Farming organisations also support membership while the trade unions have expressed satisfaction with the outcome of the talks, although they are yet to take a formal position on EU membership.



Bildt: anxious to persuade Swedes to back membership

☐ **Finland:** Support for EU membership has been stronger in Finland than in other Nordic countries. After falling slowly until last November, backing started climbing again, and latest polls indicate that 41 per cent of Finns favour membership, with 27 per cent against.

The country's referendum on the accession agreement will most likely be held in late September or October. Most political parties, as well as other interest groups, welcomed the Brussels compromise; nevertheless, Esko Aho, the Prime Minister, started campaigning immediately to ensure more national support for the country's farmers.

The farmers — roughly 8 per cent of the population — have been the most vocal opponents of EU membership. They claim that the Union does not understand the problems of Arctic agriculture: at present there is at least a foot of snow even in the south of the country with a temperature of -20C, whereas farmers in the current member countries of the EU are already busy with their spring planting.

Ice maiden gives cartoon mouse the cold shoulder

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

Nancy Kerrigan, the figure skater, returned to the United States as America's silver medal heroine, but she may have tarnished her shining image already by insulting that other great American icon, Mickey Mouse.

Last week Kerrigan signed a $2-million (£1.3m) multimedia deal with the Walt Disney company, but at a gala parade in her honour at Florida's DisneyWorld last Sunday the skater was overheard making icy remarks apparently aimed at Mickey, Minnie and friends.

Video footage shown by NBC television on Tuesday showed Kerrigan, 24, looking distinctly grumpy atop a red fire engine beside the big-eared mouse, was overheard complaining: "This is so corny. This is so dumb. I hate it. This is the most corniest thing I've ever done." Later, as she was filmed trailing forlornly after Mickey while a voice in the background urged: "Smile, honey."

Kerrigan's agent and Disney Co were quick to insist that the skater was referring to her mother's insistence that she wear her silver medal, and was not disparaging America's greatest living rodent or her new sponsor. Jerry Solomon, who represents Kerrigan and has landed her a clutch of lucrative advertising endorsements, insisted that the ice princess was merely being modest. Under the terms of her contract with Disney, Kerrigan will make a film about her life, a skating video and endorse a series of children's books.

Kerrigan dented her hitherto pristine public persona while still in Norway by making snide remarks about Oksana Bayul, the Ukrainian skater who won the gold medal. "The girl needs a personality injection," Allen McCusker, a marketing consultant, said of Kerrigan. "Get her to charm school."

All this may provide some comfort to Tonya Harding, Kerrigan's rival, who came eighth at the Olympics and has been painted as America's greatest female villain since Leona Helmsley, New York's most famous tax dodger. Harding will attend a hearing of the US Figure Skating Association next week over her alleged involvement in a plot to disable Kerrigan and police in Portland, Oregon are expected to complete their investigation by March 21, when she will learn whether she faces criminal charges.



Kerrigan and Mickey Mouse: the skater's remarks appeared to disparage America's favourite rodent

Polish premiere for Spielberg's epic

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

STEVEN Spielberg's film about the Holocaust, *Schindler's List*, was last night having its Polish premiere in Cracow, the southern city where it was filmed and where the real story took place during the Second World War.

After arriving in Cracow, Spielberg and his wife Kate Capshaw went directly to Auschwitz-Birkenau, the former Nazi death camp complex, to pay homage to the more than one million Jews who perished there.

The Spielbergs stood in silence for several minutes at the ruins of one of the crematoria in Birkenau, then walked to what remains of one of the camp's gas chambers, which the Nazis destroyed shortly before Auschwitz was liberated in January 1945. A number of Holocaust survivors, some of whom were among 1,100 Jews rescued by Oskar Schindler, the businessman and Nazi party member, were invited to the premiere. Waldemar Pawlak, the Prime Minister, and Cardinal Jozef Glemp, Poland's Catholic Primate, were also due to attend.

Jordan is considering banning the film because of the tension caused by last week's Hebron massacre. The announcement coincided with news that Spielberg is to receive an honorary doctorate from Jerusalem's Hebrew University, with which Mr Schindler had close connections.

Spielberg has meanwhile withdrawn the film from screening in the Philippines after censors ordered cuts.

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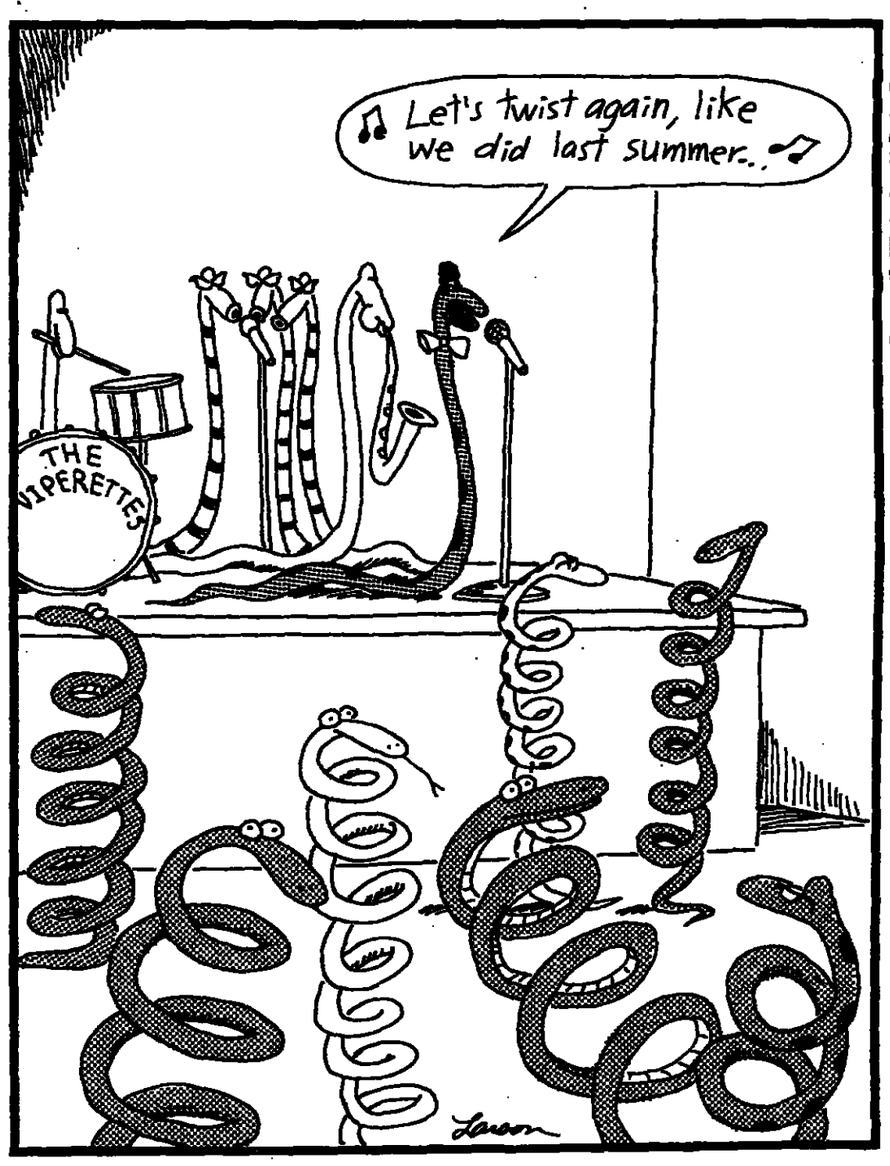
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Fate of fragile new Muslim-Croat accord for Swiss-style federation rests on Russia

US raises pressure on Bosnian Serbs to cede territory

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

■ President Clinton has hailed the agreement but his enthusiasm may be premature. A Serb refusal to relinquish territorial gains would sabotage the pact

AMERICA hopes that the peace agreement between Bosnia's Muslims and Croats will isolate Bosnia's Serbs and increase the pressure on them to make the territorial concessions required for a comprehensive settlement, administration, officials said yesterday.

The new Muslim-Croat federation would cover about 50 per cent of Bosnia-Herzegovina, but the Serbs presently control about 70 per cent. "There will have to be some concessions by the Serbs," said one official, who said he hoped the Serbs would "see this as an opportunity for peace".

A key factor will be whether Russia is prepared to press the Serbs, their traditional allies, to relinquish some of the territorial gains they have made during the two-year conflict. It is questionable whether the fragile Muslim-Croat agreement could survive if the Serbs refused, and it also remains to be seen whether it will be respected by more extreme Muslim and Croat commanders in the field.

The US had to offer Bosnia's Muslims and Croats, and Croatia itself, various inducements to sign, including the lure of integration with the west, reconstruction aid and an invitation to join Nato's Partnership for Peace programme.

President Clinton hailed the agreement as a "major step in the search for peace in Bosnia". It was completed during four days of intense talks in Washington and was signed at a hastily-arranged, high-profile State Department ceremony by Haris Silajdzic, Bosnia's Muslim prime minister, Mate Granic, Croatia's foreign minister, and Kresimir Zubak, a Bosnian Croat representative.

Serb reaction to the news of the Bosnian Muslim-Croat confederation agreement ranged yesterday from anger to a sceptical welcome. Speaking in Moscow Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader said: "We can welcome this agreement only if it is not aimed against the Serbs, only if it leads us to peace and not to war."

His lukewarm response was shared by Jovan Zametica, the official spokesman in the Bosnian Serb headquarters of Pale, who dismissed the confederation agreement as "an artificial construction" but said: "that's their business as long as the Serbs are allowed to go their own way". Momcilo Krajisnik, the powerful speaker of the Bosnian Serb parliament denounced the accord, though saying: "The Serbs will not accept a solution which denies the interests of the Serbian people.

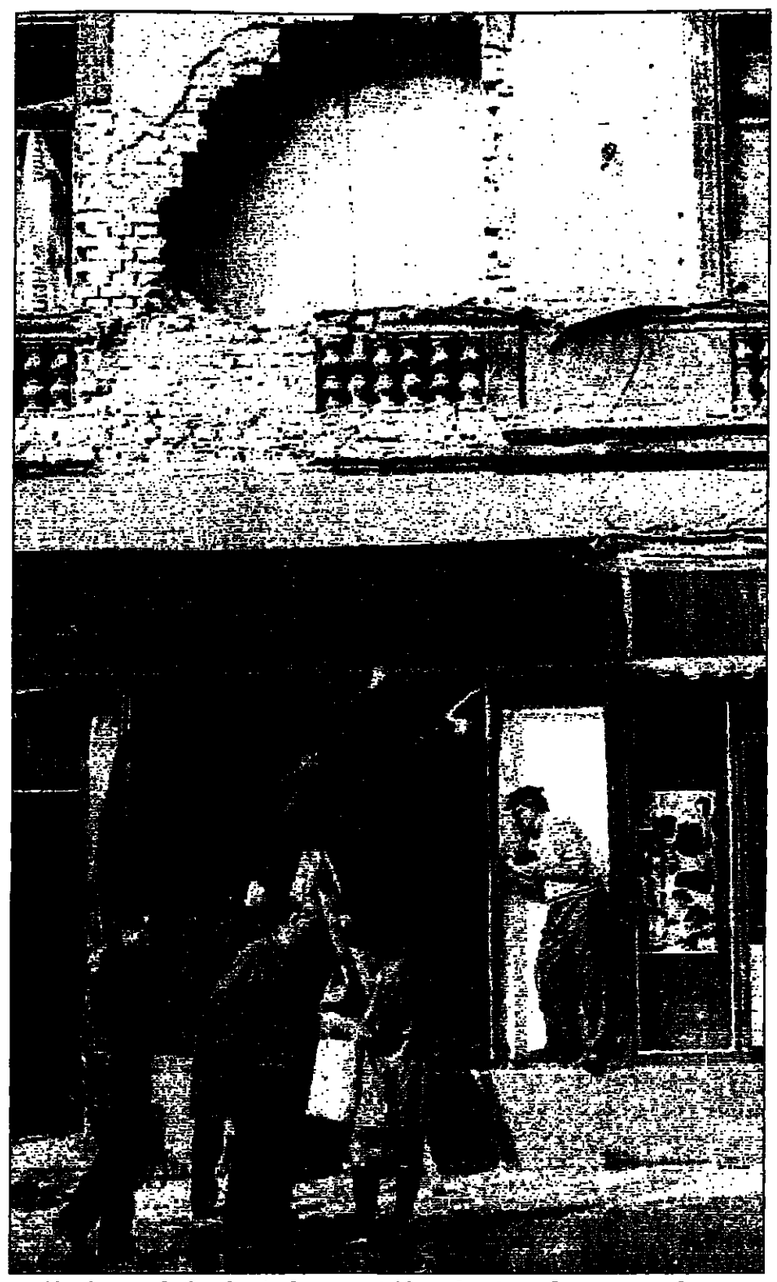
"That's why we interpret the Washington accord as an action against the Serbian people."

The agreement unites Muslim and Croat territories under a single Bosnian flag and lays the basis for an economically-viable, if considerably smaller, Bosnian state with guaranteed access to the Adriatic Sea and western Europe. Under a separate agreement signed simultaneously it would also form a loose economic union with neighbouring Croatia.

The federation would consist of Swiss-style cantons with Muslim or Croation majorities but equal rights for all. The cantons would have authority over areas like police, education, housing and public services, and a central government would be responsible for foreign affairs, defence and trade. There would be a two-house parliament and an annually-rotating presidency.

Sarajevo's status has yet to be decided and other details are to be worked out in further negotiations that are expected to begin in Vienna this weekend.

Athens: President Gligorov of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ruled out accepting Greek conditions before the countries resume UN talks on their dispute over the name Macedonia. Greece says that the name implies territorial ambitions against its own northern Macedonia province. (Reuter)



Shopkeepers in Sarajevo's city centre taking advantage of warmer weather to rebuild their stores, damaged by Serb shelling before the UN-policed ceasefire

Pact lays bare hollowness of loveless liaison

*With Serb help, Croats at Zepce drove out their former Muslim allies. Now, **Anthony Loyd** believes, they have reason to dread peace*



CROATS in Zepce bear a guilty secret that allows them no joy in the news of the peace deal agreed between their side and the Muslims in Washington on Tuesday. The law of survival in Bosnia's war has bred many relationships born of necessity. Theirs was with the Serbs and Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, who is not party to the confederation plan.

An atmosphere of complicity permeates the town. Although its citizens, well-fed and healthy, walk the streets with the fresh confidence generated by the recent ceasefire, their eyes meet conspiratorially, and the talk is not of peace, but of the fate that awaits them. Until June last year the integrated townsfolk fought against the Serbs, under joint Muslim-Croat command. The arrangement was not to last.

After a week of heavy fighting Muslim forces seemed to be in control. In desperation the Croats requested aid from the Serbs and. It came in the form of tanks and artillery support and all the Muslim troops were driven away to the south along with the Muslim populace.

The Croat enclave became the most affluent in Bosnia. The Serbs were desperate for hard cash, the Croats needed supplies. Through vast amounts of money imported from Croat guest workers in Germany, the requirements of both were satisfied. Fuel, fruit, medicine, cigarettes and alcohol arrived in abundance and a Croat battalion held the line around Maglaj alongside Serb units.

"Everything in this area is a black deal. For us it's not really important what happens on a higher level. We have only to survive, and our dealings with the Serbs are just part of our daily politics," said Zoran Sajinovic, security officer for Zepce. "As for tomorrow, I think new tensions [with the Muslims] will arise," he added.

Any potential federation with the Muslims would serve only to threaten what has become a tidy lifestyle. Supply routes stretching through the hungry lines of their Muslim "former" enemies would filter off too many of their needs.

The reverberations from both the Washington deal and the Zagreb ceasefire agreement have rudely highlighted Zepce's situation. Four miles beyond lies Maglaj, a town of 19,000 Muslims surrounded since June by the unlikely partners. Convoys trying to reach it have been halted by the Croats, who link any access with the release by the Muslims of 34 Croat prisoners of war held there.

As the United Nations increasingly turns its attention towards the plight of Maglaj — another convoy will try to reach it today — so pressure grows on the Croats in Zepce to adhere at least to the ceasefire terms. The HVO battalion was withdrawn acrimoniously from the Maglaj line on Sunday morning, at the height of the most recent Serb offensive.

Outside his Catholic Church, Father Josip Mikic was forthright in his views over a potential federation. "A marriage without love is no marriage," he grunted. "If you cannot finish a job then don't start it."

Elsewhere in Bosnia, the ceasefire held except for the familiar small-arms violations endemic to Balkan truces, and civilians from both communities digested the news from Washington as would recently wakened sleepers.

"It doesn't matter what has happened until now. Our only duty must be to peace. I hope and believe that we can live together again," said Sejkija Dzidic, the Bosnian Muslim commander in Stari Vitez, a tiny enclave within Vitez where 1,200 Muslims have held out since last April, isolated from the world.

Their situation had never been anything less than desperate, however, and the ceasefire has offered many a chance of surivial for which they had all but given up hope. Perhaps that is what reinforces their readiness to forgive. "My father was killed by the Croats on the first day of the fighting. I am ready to excuse it, but I cannot forget it," said Commander Dzidic.



Karadzic excluded from ceasefire plan

Peace brokers hope to cool murderous tempers



BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

A tremulous peace hung in the air throughout much of Bosnia yesterday, after America and Russia dragged the foes apart by the scruffs of their necks.

The Serbs were still kicking out in northern Bosnia, but Russia has pinned their arms behind their backs in Sarajevo and they have promised to behave in Tuzla to allow the airport to be reopened for aid flights. America pulled the Croats by the ears and persuaded them to sign a deal with the Muslim-led government.

The question now is whether the protagonists can be held apart long enough for tempers to cool so that serious talks on a lasting peace can take place, or whether they will lay into one another the moment the intermediaries relax their grip. One danger is that the Serbs may think the Muslims and Croats will turn on them, and that they should intensify their battles against Muslim enclaves.

Lord Owen, the European Union peace negotiator, welcomed the pact but said: "The war will continue if the Serbs see this purely as an alliance against them." A beam of light in the Balkan darkness is that a feared Muslim spring offensive may have been averted. Until yesterday, Muslim-led government forces felt they had little option but to fight for extra land.

The Muslims have hankered after a rapprochement with the Croats for months and quiet talks between the two sides have been held all over Europe since last autumn. The peace moves were never likely to succeed until President Tudjman of Croatia abandoned his dream of a greater Croatia, which he was forced to by Washington.

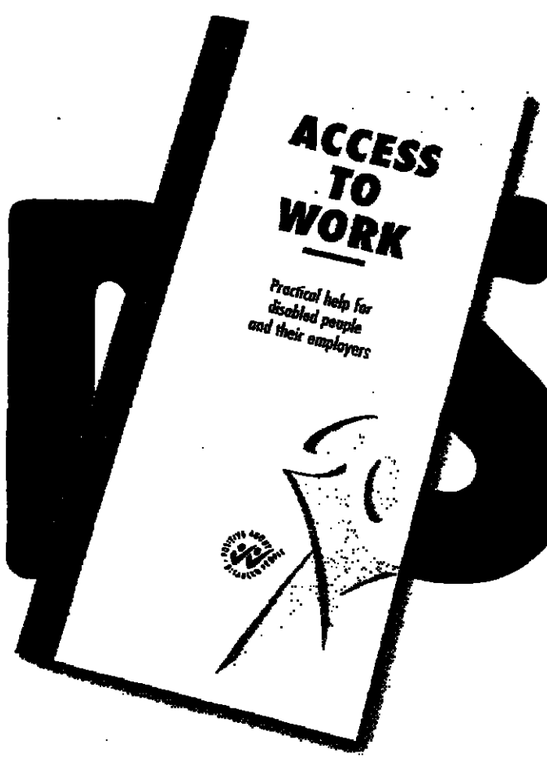
The Muslim-Croat deal is aimed at leading eventually to a Swiss-style system of cantons and it has delighted the Muslim-dominated government. "The effect to us is the same as lifting the arms embargo," a government source said.

The agreement also brings a double propaganda victory to Washington; it lets the Clinton Administration counter Russia's success in persuading the Serbs to pull back weapons from Sarajevo, and takes European pressure off America to urge the Muslims to agree to what it sees as a flawed deal in Geneva. However, the international community's next steps may be as treacherous as a Balkan minefield.

First, fighting between Muslims and Croats has to stop. But so far no one has rushed to provide Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose, the UN commander in Bosnia, with the 3,000 to 5,000 extra troops, which he says he needs to expand the peace moves.

Second, the map of the proposed Muslim-Croat federation is nowhere near complete and, crucially, no one has yet asked the Serbs what land they are prepared to give up. The Bihac pocket in northwest Bosnia is even more complicated because Muslims there have mutinied against the government in Sarajevo.

Last, and perhaps the most worrying problem, is that Russia and America may be tempted to compete in scoring points and fail to liaise, with Moscow allying itself with the Serbs and Washington with the Croats and Muslims.



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reach it have been halted by the Croats, who link the access with the release by the Muslims of 34 Croat prisoners of war held there

As the United Nations increasingly turns its attention towards the plight of Mostar another convoy will try to reach it today – so pressure grows on the Croats to agree to adhere at least to the ceasefire terms. The HVO battalion was withdrawn ceremoniously from the Mostar line on Sunday morning, the height of the most recent Serb offensive.

Outside his Catholic Church, Father Josip Milas was forthright in his views over a potential federation's marriage without love is a sin marriage," he grunted. "You cannot finish a job then decide to start it."

Elsewhere in Bosnia the ceasefire held except for the familiar small-arms violence endemic to Balkan truces. Civilians from both communities digested the news from Washington as would-be sanctioned sleepers.

"It doesn't matter what happened until now. Our duty must be to pick up the pieces and believe that we can live together again," said Sefer Halilovic, the Bosnian Muslim commander in Srebrenica, the Muslim enclave within Serb territory where 1,300 Muslims are said to be holding out since last year's isolation from the world.

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Karadzic: excluded from ceasefire plan

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Moscow drops anti-expansionist line

Nato draws Russia into partnership

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

■ The rush by former Warsaw Pact countries to sign up to the *Partnership for Peace* has convinced the Russians that the alliance scheme cannot be ignored

RUSSIA has agreed to join Nato's *Partnership for Peace* plan which will bring the alliance and the Russian military closer than at any time since the end of the Cold War.

In contrast to the recent strident warnings from Moscow against Nato expanding eastwards, Russia has decided that the new partnership on offer cannot be ignored. Ten other countries are already signed up.

The partnership scheme, which will include joint military exercises and could lead eventually to full Nato membership for some countries, was formally approved by alliance leaders at their January summit in Brussels. Invitations and a framework document outlining the purpose of the scheme were sent to Moscow as well as to the former Soviet republics and all former Warsaw Pact countries. Although the scheme was criticised by countries such as Poland, which wanted to become full Nato members at once, there is now a queue of nations wanting to join.

Russia's decision to enter the partnership was announced after a delegation of Nato ambassadors from the United States, Britain and Spain visited Moscow to explain what the scheme involved. Vitali Churkin, the Deputy Foreign Minister, said after meeting the three ambassadors that Russia and Nato had "a vast potential for partnership in the interests of peace". Interviewed in the Russian press, he said Russia would sign the partnership agreement soon, once the practical details had been worked out.

America and Britain are already making plans to hold joint military exercises with the Russians. Britain is expected to send a battalion from the Parachute Regiment to Russia next year. A company of about 120 British soldiers is also due to have joint exercises with the Polish army.

Each partnership agreement is being treated separately. Nato officials hope that, with Russia as a partner, Moscow will feel less suspicious and hostile when some of their former allies in Eastern Europe are considered for full membership. Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovakia are seen to be in the fast lane for membership.

The countries of Eastern Europe, worried about the rise of extreme nationalism in Russia and the slowing of economic reforms, rushed to join. A refusal by Moscow to take part in the scheme would have seriously undermined its effectiveness.

The countries that have already signed are Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Latvia and Albania. The Czech Republic will sign next week and Moldavia has said it will sign soon.

Local hero

Moscow: Ruslan Khasbulatov, the former chairman of the Russian parliament freed from prison last week under a parliamentary amnesty, received a hero's welcome "with a fireworks display of flares and tracer bullets" when he arrived in his home region of Chechin, Tass said. *(Reuter)*

Spy arrest raises fear of tit-for-tat expulsions

BY MICHAEL EVANS

BRITAIN was braced yesterday for possible tit-for-tat spy expulsions with Moscow over the arrest of the Russian defence official accused of working for British intelligence.

Initial indications, however, are that the Russians may choose to avoid taking any further action, despite the claim that the alleged agent had passed highly sensitive information on research into weapons design.

The concern in London is that if the Russians decide to make more of an issue of the arrest, they might try to link the alleged agent to a known or suspected MI6 officer at the British embassy, claiming him to be the man's controller.

This more drastic approach was adopted by the Americans when they expelled a senior Russian intelligence officer accused of being the controller of Aldrich Ames, the CIA official arrested and charged last week with spying for the KGB since 1985.

Moscow retaliated by expelling James Morris, a diplomat at the US embassy in Moscow. When the next development was the announcement that an alleged British mole had been arrested and charged with spying, it seemed that Britain was to be sucked into the tit-for-tat expulsion game.

However, the predominant view in London is that the Russian Federal Counter-Intelligence Service needed to produce something out of the hat to prove that it was as much sinned against as sinner and turned to the only significant name on their books. The fact that it was an agent allegedly working for British intelligence implies that Russia does not have any American mole cases on file at present.

Moscow has still not officially told London of the details of the case and the Foreign Office persisted yesterday in making no comment. However, if the Russians were to expel a British diplomat in connection with the case, the Foreign Office might feel it necessary to respond by expelling a diplomat from the Russian embassy in London, known to be a member of the SVR which replaced the KGB, though in name only.

The few details of the case that have emerged so far, such as the alleged admission by the Russian defence official that he had been provided with invisible ink and other spying equipment, show that, despite the huge advances in technical and signals intelligence, the basic tradecraft of the modern spy has hardly changed, with invisible ink still playing a key role.

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A cowed Aldrich Ames, the former senior CIA official charged last week with spying for the KGB since 1985, being driven from court in Alexandria, Virginia, where his case was committed to the grand jury

US group defies Cuba embargo with aid caravan

FROM BILL CORMIER IN MEXICO CITY

DEFYING Washington's 30-year trade embargo, a religious group says that a convoy of humanitarian aid will soon begin rolling from Canada and the United States to Cuba.

At a news conference in Mexico City, Errol Edwards, a spokesman for the Minneapolis-based Pastors for Peace, said: "This third caravan is our largest by far." The ecumenical group sent also sent caravans in 1992 and 1993. The organisation, a coalition of more than 600 North American religious groups, said momentum was on its side in a campaign to win US public backing for ending the embargo. Lending support to this, Alina Fernández, President Castro's daughter, yesterday reassured a press conference in Geneva about human rights in Cuba. Mr Edwards said Pastors for Peace was not a small movement. "This is a big movement all over the country and has the support of the international community," he said, pointing out that caravan volunteer workers would come from 18 nations in the Americas, Europe and Asia.

He said about 250 volunteers, travelling in 60 cars and buses, would transport more than 150 tonnes of schoolbooks, vitamins, computers, seeds, farm tools and other humanitarian aid to Cuba. "We're also taking a lot of medicine," he added.

He said the caravan would leave Vancouver in a few days, join American participants in Detroit and head south to Laredo, Texas, where an attempt to enter Mexico would be made on March 9. Mr Edwards said the caravan would then retrace the route of the previous two across northern Mexico to Tampico, on the Gulf of Mexico, where the donations would be loaded on a ship for Cuba. He said Pastors for Peace was encouraged by President Clinton's to lift the 19-year American economic embargo against Vietnam and hoped for a similar move in the case of Cuba. To try to bring that about, Charles Rangel, a Democratic member of the House of Representatives, introduced legislation last spring that aimed at ending the embargo. A hearing on the legislation, which could lift the Cuban embargo, is scheduled for March 17 in the House ways and means committee. *(AP)*



Fernández: spoke on human rights

Court to weigh up racy Paris murder

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

A LURID tale of racing, high society and murder reached court in Paris yesterday with the start of the trial of Elisabeth Cons-Boutboul, a disbarred lawyer and mother of a star woman jockey, who is charged with ordering the murder of her son-in-law.

The case, which could have been plotted by Dick Francis, pits a wilful 69-year-old defendant with a murky background against a prosecution that has no murderer, weapon or other hard evidence linking her to the death of Jacques Perrot, who was a well-born Paris lawyer and gentleman-jockey. Witnesses will include racing and small-time underworld figures as well as Laurent Fabius, the former Prime Minister, who was a friend of the victim and was best man when he married Dario Boutboul, France's first winning woman rider.

Critics of the French judicial system are watching closely as the case is the second highly publicised trial this year in which the jury is being asked to base its verdict heavily on circumstance, hearsay and character. The other case, ending in the murder conviction in Nice of Omar Raddad, a Moroccan gardener, sparked an outcry because of doubts about his guilt. The Cons-Boutboul affair hit the headlines in December 1985 when Perrot was found shot dead on the landing outside his parents' Paris flat. A notorious playboy, he was fighting for custody of his three-year-old son in a bitter divorce from his jockey wife, who was also a glamorous television personality.

Mme Cons-Bouboul has been awaiting trial since 1989, but, according to prosecutors, it has taken investigators four years to unravel a tissue of lies that included her pose as a rich international lawyer, widow and cancer victim. Shortly before his death, they say, Perrot had found out that his mother-in-law had been quietly disbarred in France for swindling 10 million francs (£1.15 million) out of France's main Roman Catholic missionary organisation.

He had also discovered that her husband, a Tunisian-born medical consultant, was still alive and in touch with her.

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Once TV adaptations raised literary groans, but the latest Aga saga is a quintessentially English project

A hymn to the Rector's Wife



Start of the romance — Lindsay Duncan, in *The Rector's Wife* to be shown on on Channel 4 tonight



LYNNE TRUSS

While the words "Now a Major Television Series" undoubtedly have a galvanising effect on the book-buying public (a scholarly tome from Harvard University Press artfully entitled *The Cultural History of the Jerusalem Artichoke 1500-1750: Now a Major Television Series* would surely sell a zillion before anyone noticed the cunning ploy), I must confess there was a time when they filled me with fastidious unease. In those unimaginable far-off days, when I was young and serious-minded, I would emerge from my solemn perusals of the book trade magazines so horrified at the news of a forthcoming "tie-in" Penguin Modern Classic that I would twist the arms off my dusty specs and wipe a tear with the lapel of my Anita Brookner cardigan.

"What? *Brideshead* on the telly?" I would wail. "So unless I rush out right this minute and buy an old, pre-Granadaland copy straight away, I will be forced to purchase the edition with the picture of Jeremy Irons and Anthony Andrews and the veteran car and Aloysius and Castle Howard, and everyone will know I hadn't read it before the series came on?" I gnashed my teeth and fretted. It seemed to me that the teddy Brideshead on my bookshelf was the sort of ignominy a girl would never live down.

But I have somehow come around to a different point of view. This week I bought Joanna Trollope's *The Rector's Wife*, and was proud to read it in public with actress Lindsay Duncan on the cover: "Yes, I am reading this because it is on Channel 4, and there is no shame."

It's a very nice picture, actually. Duncan hugs the duffel-coated daughter Flora (Lucy Dawson) at the precise moment in tonight's first episode of her greatest happiness — breaking the news to the poor little duckling that she can transfer to a decent (i.e. elitist) school, where she won't be bullied. Mummy will take a lowly job and pay the fees! Every time I look at it, it makes me feel all warm and sort-of marmaladey inside.

No, this promise of "A Major Television Series" has started to mean several things, and all of them are positive. Now that drama producers shy from commissioning original screenplays, there is basically a choice between drama based on novels (usually well-plotted, well-characterised, rounded, nice for ensemble actors), and drama based on true stories (linear, flat, and given to Julie Walters). So the books win out, in my view, and nobody's the loser. This arrangement is marvellous for the novelists, who receive large fees simply for signing a contract, thus encouraging them to write more books.

For the producers, it is easy-peasy, because there is a finished product they can envisage before they start. And for the viewer, who can read the book on the train and watch the adaptation on the telly, and happily note the tiniest of differences ("Actually, Anna Bouverie has an older daughter, too, in *The Rector's Wife*") it is a continuous multi-media experience somewhere adjacent to heaven.

I had a phone call at home from the managing director of BBC Television recently, assuring me personally that the Classic Serial was safe. I was amazed that he should take the trouble (a bit like the Editor of *The Times* delivering your morning paper with a cheery wave), so I feel I should pass this on. As you may have read elsewhere, the BBC promises us *Martin Chuzzlewit* and *Hard Times*; meanwhile Phil Agland (whose twice-weekly China documentary *Beyond the Clouds* has started this week) is planning Hardy's magnificent *The Woodlanders*.

At the other end of the scale, of course, one must suffer the *Woman of Substance* mini-series; but let's not be snobbish about it. If nothing else, one is obliged to admire this genre for the extraordinary haiku-like brevity of the scenes and dialogue:

HEROINE (poor, crying, defiant, torn collar): I'll show you all! One day I shall own Harrods!

Cut to Knightsbridge, heroine in big frock helped from limousine by uniformed flunky, while lightbulbs flash.

MANAGER (deferential) : Welcome to Harrods, ma'am. You own it.
CROWD: Hoorah!

But sitting comfortably in the middle of all this, is the somehow quintessentially English project such as *The Rector's Wife* — already a well-loved Aga saga bestseller, plausible in the details yet romantically far-fetched for the purposes of female wish-fulfilment — and now turned into middlebrow quality drama of a highly pleasurable kind.

Mary Wesley's far inferior books have already paved the way — *The Camomile Lawn* (Channel 4), *Harnessing Peacocks* (Meridian) — so we know to expect that while love and sex will be important to the progress of this human church mouse with her embarrassingly Flaubertian name (Anna Bouverie, I ask you), it will be sex curiously devoid of strings. And on screen, unless Andrew Davies is adapting (and has naughtily put the lovers in the bath), the sexuality will probably be the dramatic equivalent of the row of dots.

The only worry, of course, is that at this very moment, at some high-level BBC drama meeting, copies of *The Cultural History of the Jerusalem Artichoke 1500-1750* are currently being distributed, for everyone to agree to "go to series". An agent friend of mine, whose clients are proper television playwrights such as G.F. Newman, objects passionately to the caution that makes producers cling to novel-adapting; meanwhile producers will tell you, heads in their hands, that the worthwhile original screenplays are as scarce as a hen's orthodontist. Someone must be missing something.

But meanwhile *The Rector's Wife* — with its good script, solid acting, and the small domestic struggle for personal liberation as its generally sympathetic theme — is almost the best we can hope for.

● *Lynne Truss will take a wry look at television in these pages every week.*

Myths of the lost nation

Comforting images of an England of bicycling old maids have no meaning for many in our society



MARINA WARNER • 1994 REITH LECTURES

MARINA WARNER delivered her final Reith lecture last night and examined how the rise of post-war nationalism has been shaped by ancient myths about hearth and home.

With her title "Home: Our Famous Island Race" inspired by one of Churchill's speeches, Warner describes a recent visit to the Cabinet War Rooms in Whitehall, where maps showing the supply routes of Empire are displayed. "They make it clear that the nation could only survive, be victualled, watered, armed ... through connection across borders," she says. But the present "myth of national identity" attempts to forget this, she argues.

Subsequent Prime Ministers, including Mrs Thatcher, have invested in the nostalgic idea of Britain as a society where history stands still, she says. John Major has summoned George Orwell to describe Britain as a place of "old maids bicycling to Holy Communion through the morning mist". But Britain has changed and the old maids might now be bicycling to church to administer the sacrament.

Nostalgia for the "ascertainable, unamendable homeland" can turn dangerous, Warner says. The increase in numbers of refugees and homeless people means there is a whole population for whom "home has become a mythical lost continent".

The bonds which bind nations are strong, but often hidden, Warner argues, citing fairy stories collected by the Brothers Grimm in 1812. The German folk tales, produced when the country was threatened by Napoleonic invasion, were designed to "maintain and foster ... national culture in the face of the invader". But, in fact, the stories are steeped in French and Italian traditions.

At the heart of nationalism lies the "interdependency of home, identity, heritage and women," Warner argues. In most myths, home represents the territory of women and marks the end of the story, she says.

The Odysseus myth, in which the wandering hero earns his return to Ithaca through suffering and perseverance, anticipates the fracture between home and factory of the industrial revolution, Warner argues. "This myth disconnects home from work, makes women's tasks seem natural, timeless, somehow inevitable," she says. The sense of separateness has relevance today: "It contributes to the continuing inability of our society to appreciate that raising a family and making a home is labour, as intricately bound up with economic conditions as any other kind of work."

Present anger at the royal family is prompted by their betrayal of monarchy's mystique, she argues.

The cool public response to the Windsor Castle repair-fund is evidence of popular reproachfulness towards the monarchy and reveals that "her country house burning down was fitting punishment for her family's failure to keep faith with the national and moral ideal of home".

WARNER concludes with the words of Derek Walcott, the Caribbean-born poet and dramatist who was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature in 1992.

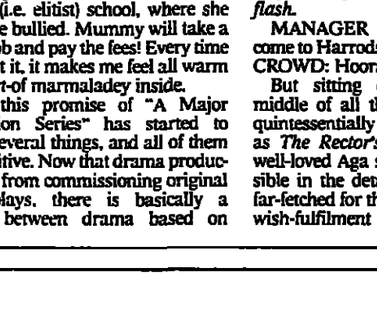
Walcott, born in St Lucia when it was a British colony, stands witness to "a rich and painful story made in common by both invader and invaded, coloniser and colonised".

But his works offer hope for the future, Warner argues. "Home as a place or time of innocence can only be an illusion." The previous five Reith lectures belong in "the larger story of home," she says. In Walcott's stage version of the Odyssey, Menelaus declares: "We earn home, like everything else." According to Warner, Walcott means "taking part in the journey, using memory, imagination, to question, remember and repair, to wish things well without sentimentality, without rancour, always resisting the sweet seduction of despair."

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We always need our spies

The Cold War might be over, but instability an Russia and the Third World are keeping espionage alive

The most surprising thing about the spy stories this week and last is the widespread surprise that such things still go on. In about 1250 BC, God instructed Moses to send secret agents "to spy out the land of Canaan", and gave him good advice on agent recruitment. Forty years later, the final descent to the Promised Land was preceded by another intelligence operation in which one of the earlier agents, Joshua, was assisted by a mole in the enemy camp named Rahab the Harlot. The notion that the end of the Cold War is likely to bring 3,000 years of espionage to an abrupt conclusion makes little sense.

Russia, alas, is still a necessary target for Western intelligence. Our policy to the successor states of the former Soviet Union has necessarily to be two-track: to hope for the best and to prepare for the worst. Nobody can tell who will rule Russia in two years time. The collapse of the Soviet system carries with it the risk of the destabilisation of a nuclear superpower.

Appalling though the prospect is, British defence planning has to reckon with the possibility of a Russian leader as dangerous and unpredictable as the neo-Fascist Vladimir Zhirinovsky in command of a vast nuclear arsenal.

Keeping track of the military development of the Russian Republic inevitably requires intelligence gathering by human agents as well as by advanced technology. President Yeltsin is unlikely to be seriously put out by British spies. He knows that his own military intelligence service has actually become more active since the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Even if a Zhirinovsky presidency fails to materialise, the problem of nuclear proliferation elsewhere will provide plenty of work for spies. Every invention in the history of the world has proliferated. Nuclear weapons will not be the first exception to this iron law of history, though their proliferation can and should be slowed down. Keeping track of the spread of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons is plainly impossible without the use of covert surveillance.

Only a few years ago the threat posed by nuclear proliferation was widely underestimated. President Bush rashly announced soon after the start of Operation Desert Storm in January 1991: "Our pinpoint attacks have put Saddam out of the nuclear bomb-building business for a long time to come." That later proved to be wishful thinking. Half the major nuclear weapons installations in Iraq had gone undetected.

The threat of nuclear conflict in the Third World is a more immediate problem than is often supposed. It is now known that during the Indo-Pakistani crisis of May 1990 the CIA believed that Pakistan was capable of ordering a nuclear strike against New Delhi rather than run the risk of another humiliation at the hands of the Indian Army. The Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, Richard J. Kerr, who co-ordinated the intelligence assessment in May 1990, was convinced that, "we were right on the edge".

Bush was so concerned that he ordered Robert Gates (later head of the CIA), then in Moscow making preparations for a summit with Gorbachev, to leave on an urgent mission to Islamabad and New Delhi. Gates took with him personal letters from Bush appealing for restraint from both sides. Though the crisis was defused, Kerr found it more frightening even than the Cuban missile crisis of October 1962.

Proliferation will inevitably produce more such crises in the future. It also immensely increases the threat from international terrorism. It can, alas, be only a matter of time before a terrorist group acquires chemical and biological, if not nuclear weapons.

The threat of proliferation only serves to emphasise the importance of keeping trick of the immense Russian military-industrial complex. Some Russian weapons experts, at present trying to support their families on miserable salaries, are inevitably tempted to sell their terrifying expertise to the highest bidder.



MI5's greetings card, 1922

In the secret world of intelligence gathering, it is business as usual. High-tech methods of imagery and signals intelligence used during the Cold War cannot cope with the problems of proliferation without help from good, old-fashioned spies.

Even during the Cuban missile crisis, it was possible to interpret the photographs of Soviet missile base construction in Cuba so successfully only because of the plans of missile sites and other intelligence provided by an Anglo-American agent in Soviet military intelligence, Colonel Oleg Penkovsky.

During the early 1980s, the intelligence provided by Oleg Gordievsky, a KGB officer working for British intelligence, was of enormous importance in providing warning of the almost paranoid fear within some sections of the Soviet leadership that President Reagan was planning a nuclear first strike against the Soviet Union.

In November, 1983, Gordievsky was able to reveal the contents of alarmist telegrams from Moscow Centre to the KGB residency in London reporting Soviet fears that the Nato command-post exercise Able Archer 83, held to practice nuclear release procedures, might be used as cover for a surprise attack.

There is good reason to hope that the alleged British spy in Moscow, whose arrest was announced on Tuesday, was not the only agent still working in Russia for the Secret Intelligence Service.

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In a flap over Shula's cat



LISTENERS to *The Archers* will know that Shula is not alone in mourning the death of her husband, Mark Hebden. His cats are inconsolable. Even as she makes the sausage rolls and sandwiches for her husband's funeral wake, she strokes the cats in an effort to calm their pitiful mewing. Is she wise?

After Mark's fatal road accident Shula found that she was pregnant. Doctors had hoped that they had so often broadcast the message that pregnancy and cats are incompatible that the message had finally been accepted. The recommendation is that hands should be washed after stroking a cat, before preparing any food. The medical view is that the cat's place is certainly not, as in Shula's kitchen, on the table by the sandwiches, or even dozing by the Aga.

Toxoplasmosis is spread by food contaminated by cat's faeces. The disease, transmitted by a parasite, usually causes in a non-pregnant adult no more than a transient feeling of ill-health, with symptoms not unlike glandular fever. If, however, it is acquired by a mother without immunity while she is pregnant, it can cause devastating problems to the unborn baby. Thirty-five per cent of women who catch toxoplasmosis in pregnancy give birth to a child who is damaged: the earlier in the pregnancy the disease is caught, the more likely it is that damage will have been done.



MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Babies affected by toxoplasmosis *in utero* may be born blind, mentally retarded, or may suffer more general and sometimes eventually fatal symptoms from such problems as hepatitis, pneumonia and damage to the spleen.

If Shula insists on trying to comfort Mark's cats, she should immediately see Richard, the doctor, to make certain by means of a blood test that she has already acquired immunity to toxoplasmosis.

Although adults rarely suffer from more than passing ill-health from toxoplasmosis, another cat-borne disease which can cause serious, even fatal, symptoms has recently received publicity.

General Practitioner magazine reports that scientists working in California found that 41 per cent of the cats they examined carried a recently isolated bacterium, *Rochalimaea henselae*, which, it is suggested, not only caused cat scratch fever but also endocarditis and persistent abscesses. Some of these complications in humans are potentially fatal, whereas the cat which was the source of the infection remains symptom-free, even as it harbours the bacteria and the fleas which together with scratches spread the organism.

Cocktail effect



HUNDREDS of thousands of patients with such common complaints as cystitis, gut infections, or bronchitis have cause to be grateful to Septrin, the drug which is a combination of sulphamethoxazole and trimethoprim.

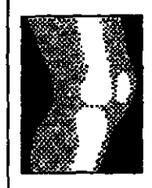
The list of grateful patients grew enormously after the advent of Aids-related diseases. For Septrin proved invaluable in the treatment of PCP, the pneumonia associated with HIV positivity.

Bacterial resistance to Septrin, as in all combination drugs, is less likely to occur than when only a single drug is used; furthermore the range of bacteria wiped out by using more than one drug is greater. The problem of combining drugs is that by doing so the doctor also compounds the chance of causing side-effects.

Evidence shows that although both constituents of Septrin can cause side-effects, which in the case of the elderly, the chronic sick or the immuno-compromised can be serious, they are most likely to be related to the sulphamethoxazole component rather than trimethoprim.

Many experts now believe that the advantage of a reduction in the incidence of bacterial resistance, and the broader spectrum provided by Septrin, are outweighed by its propensity to cause, very occasionally, serious skin troubles and blood disease. Trimethoprim when prescribed alone, is almost as effective as Septrin and, since it is safer, should, other things being equal, be used in preference.

Dodgy joints



CRICKET enthusiasts still hoping for victory in the West Indies were cheered when it was announced that the arthroscopy, an endoscopic examination, which was carried out on Devon Malcolm's knee on Tuesday showed no cartilaginous or ligamentous injury. It was found that his knee contained debris which had collected rather in the same way as bits and pieces contaminate engine oil once the pistons and bearings of an ageing car engine have started to wear. By removing the joint debris it is hoped that the surfaces will be able to move easily once again and the cricketer will be spared the pain, swelling, clicking and possibly even occasional locking which makes knees of this sort so uncomfortable. It is hoped that Devon Malcolm will be fit for the remaining Test matches but this can only be decided when the joint has recovered from the operative interference.

No knee can take rough treatment indefinitely. Cricketers, skiers and other athletes suffer, but so do others in less glamorous jobs.

The *Annals of Rheumatic Diseases* recently reported on a study by doctors working at the Medical Research Council's unit at Southampton, which showed that those whose working life involves squatting or kneeling, such as electricians, were more likely to develop osteoarthritis than other workers.

The risk to workers who had to squat for more than 30 minutes a day was seven times greater than that for those whose job only involved standing, walking or sitting, and in the kneelers it was three times greater. Climbing stairs also predisposed patients to developing arthritic knees, but it seemed that good brisk walking carried no risk of injury.



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A leprosy patient with a wooden leg: injury to extremities is easy when you cannot feel

The gift of pain

Dr James Le Fanu on the surgeon whose research into leprosy has shown that pain is essential to health

There are few enough doctors prepared to devote their lives to working in India among the most marginalised of even that impoverished country — those crippled and deformed by leprosy. But simultaneously to initiate basic scientific research that for the first time makes sense of the disease process of leprosy is indeed exceptional.

Dr Paul Brand, a British orthopaedic surgeon, has done all these things — and more. He has also turned on its head scientific understanding of the greatest scourge of humanity — pain — by proving rather that "pain is a priceless essential gift".

This paradoxical and counter-intuitive sentiment might appear suspicious. The medieval church may have seen a virtue in pain and suffering but nowadays we take a more pragmatic, less theological view. Pain may be a useful sensation to protect us from physical injury, but it has no intrinsic merit. The ambition of modern medicine is to minimise, deaden or annihilate it with drugs or surgery.

But Dr Brand's *apologia pro vita sua*, which has just been published here, provides more than enough justification for its title, *Pain: The Gift Nobody Wants*.

When Dr Brand arrived in India in 1947, life for those afflicted by leprosy had scarcely changed since biblical times. True, a Norwegian Armauer Hansen had discovered in 1873 the causative organism which attacks the nerves causing loss of sensation and paralysis and a drug, Dapsone, had recently shown promise in curing the disease. But the only option for leprosy victims — besides begging — was to take sanctuary in the leprosy institutions run by the Christian missions.

On his first visit Dr Brand records: "Never in my life had I seen so many stumps and claw hands. Shortened fingers jutted out at unnatural angles, their joints frozen into position. Some lacked thumbs and fingers altogether." His guide, a leading leprosy expert, told him that no one understood why these digits just seemed to vanish.

Dr Brand's puzzlement deepened further when he asked one of the patients to squeeze his hand. "Anticipating a weak twitch from paralysed muscles, I was astonished to feel a jolt of pain shoot through my hand. The nails of the bent fingers dug into my flesh like talons."

"At that moment", he writes, "I felt a sudden awakening. In this one man's grip I had proof that a 'useless' hand concealed live, powerful muscles." He instinctively realised that by mobilising and re-attaching these live muscles to paralysed fingers they could be made to work again. But when Dr Brand turned for further guidance to the medical literature on hand surgery in leprosy he found the only operation described was amputation.

Dr Brand's request to the local hospital to attempt surgical reconstruction of these crippled hands was politely turned down. "They have bad flesh", he was told "that's the nature of the disease. If you operate, the wounds will never heal."

But he persisted and his first operation, re-attaching a tendon to a paralysed thumb, was gratifyingly successful. The surgical incision healed beautifully, the thumb wiggled, and so a whole new field of hand surgery was initiated. But perhaps more importantly Dr Brand had overthrown the centuries-old prejudice that medicine could do nothing for the victims of leprosy.

His next insight into the disease solved the mystery of the missing digits. Clearly the fingers and toes did not just drop off, they melted away. But why? Despite meticulous attention the ulcerating sores that developed on the feet never seemed to heal. Could it be true, he wondered, that these patients really did have "bad flesh"?



Dr Paul Brand: learnt to value the gift of pain

As sensation was lost in the hands and feet leprosy patients failed to notice the smallest of cuts or abrasions, nor indeed when these became infected and nor even when the infection spread to the bone. "Studying a succession of X-rays we learnt how pernicious a deep infection can be" Dr Brand recalls. "Tiny pieces of bone fragments break off and are extruded with the discharge from the wounds. All this time, the leprosy patient may continue to walk on the injured site, showing not the slightest sign of a limp."

If the hands and feet of leprosy patients were to be preserved, vigorous attention had to be paid every single day to the slightest evidence of injury and infection, and to the problem of repetitive stress on insensitive feet. The crippling deformities of leprosy had turned out not to be intrinsic to the disease itself, to "bad flesh" caused by the leprosy bacillus. Rather they were the consequences of damage to the nerves supplying the skin and muscles and so were both treatable and preventable.

There were no hospital beds for leprosy patients in India when Dr Brand arrived because medicine had nothing to offer them. The scale of his achievement is that he left behind a full-scale leprosy hospital and research centre spread over 256 acres.

The third stage of his phenomenal career began in 1965 when he took up a post in a hospital in Carville, Louisiana which specialises in looking after the 6,000 leprosy patients — mostly poor immigrants — in the United States.

His experience in India had convinced him of the vital physiological role of pain and this became the focus of his research. Clearly the unpleasantness of pain is central to its protective role, but why should it be so debilitating and why does it persist?

He found the answer when trying to develop a system that might substitute for the loss of sensation in leprosy patients: multiple sensors in specially-designed gloves and socks linked up through transducers to a coil in the armpit capable of giving off a sharp electric shock if the hands or feet were unduly stressed.

Five years later and having spent $1 million the project was abandoned because it could not effectively reproduce the twin qualities of unpleasantness and persistence that are necessary if pain is to protect the body from injury. The failure of this project, Dr Brand reports, produced a profound change in the outlook of the scientists involved. They learnt to value the gift of pain with gratitude.

'It is quite simply beyond human ingenuity to start to replicate what every baby is born with — millions of sensors in one fingertip which are discriminatory, accurate, prompt and impel a response even from a brain too young to comprehend the meaning of danger."

In the infinite subtlety and complexity of the pathways of human pain, Dr Brand sees the ineffable hand of God, but who has also given us the power to overcome much of the debilitating consequences of chronic pain. That power lies in the mind, as readily demonstrated by hypnosis and the placebo effect. "We need only tap those resources", he says.

● Pain: The Gift Nobody Wants *by Paul Brand with Philip Yancey (HarperCollins, £9.99). LEPRA — the British Leprosy Relief Association — can be contacted at Fairfax House, Causton Road, Colchester, Essex, CO1 1PU. Tel: 0206 562286.*

More and more people claim to have been abducted in spaceships. What lies behind it?

Sexual fantasy and science fiction

Readers of this paper probably do not routinely read *The People*. So they would have missed an extraordinary recent story about seven people who claimed to have been abducted from their homes by aliens, taken on board spaceships, and then subjected to a series of humiliating sexual assaults.

These stories are new to this country, but are common in the United States. According to journalist Jim Schnabel, whose fascinating book *Dark White: Aliens, Abductions and the UFO Obsession* has just been published here by Hamish Hamilton, the first case surfaced in the 1960s. Since then the topic has become a craze, with numerous journals and conventions devoted to these UFO abductions, as well as support groups for the alleged victims, known as UFO abductees.

The stories are so bizarre that the instinctive reaction is to dismiss them as the delusions of individuals suffering from severe mental illness. However, the "victims" are not usually mentally ill in the sense of suffering from a psychotic illness, nor are they drug or alcohol abusers. A recent paper in the prestigious *Journal of Abnormal Psychology* describes them as "solid representatives of the American middle class".

Most of those claiming to have been abducted by aliens say the experience began during sleep, and was associated with extreme emotional states. The victim may recall vivid, unexpected and frightening internal sensations, such as terror, visual hallucinations, choking sensations and other abnormal sensations affecting many parts of the body.

Neuropsychologists have suggested that their experiences may be related to brief episodes of epileptic activity in the temporal lobe of the brain, also implicated in the genesis of complex hallucinations such as religious visions. Others have been linked to sleep-related disturbances such as sleep paralysis. This not uncommon phenomenon occurs in people either when going to sleep or on wakening, and causes muscle paralysis and frightening sensations such as choking.



These mechanisms may be sufficient to account for the abnormal sensations that herald a UFO experience, but do not account for the fully formed stories of being transported to alien spacecraft. To understand those one needs to consider the victim's background and pre-existing beliefs.

He or she probably also suffers from what are known as dissociative disorders, in which the normal integration of thought, feelings and experience into memory and consciousness is interrupted. A person's ability to dissociate is determined by many things — childhood abuse and trauma are current focuses of attention. The result may be an extreme example of something we all possess — the capacity for intense self-absorption, during which we lose track of time. Those who experience dissociative phenomena are often highly suggestible. Many so-called abductees only piece together that they have been kidnapped by aliens some time after the abnormal experience, often with the "help" of ill-advised hypnotic regression. Thus the UFO story may be an attempt to provide an explanation for the gaps in memory that result from dissociation.

One must also consider the role of fantasy. Some accounts may be vivid dreams, in which fantasy and reality are easily confused. Others are related to sexual fantasy. Most of the stories of abductees were of a disturbing sexual nature involving abuse or humiliation. One related in *The People* included medical evidence of real rape. Others describe medical experimentation including being operated on by aliens who frequently remove eggs from the subject's womb or inseminate them.

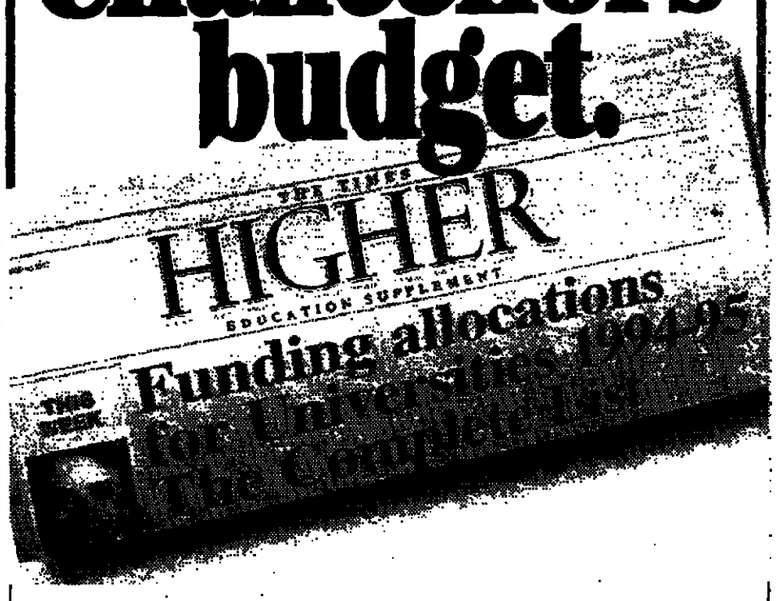
The final thread is found in the background beliefs and culture of the subject. The study carried in the current *Journal of Abnormal Psychology* reported that those with the most intense UFO experiences shared a similar range of pre-existing beliefs. Those ranged from the only mildly unusual, such as telepathy or astrology, to the more bizarre, such as channelling, or spontaneous combustion. Also shared was a conspiratorial view of the world. Those active in the UFO movement overlap with those who spend their time deriving elaborate conspiracy theories of the Kennedy assassination.

All these otherwise incomprehensible stories can be understood only by bringing together the sufferers' internal and external worlds. People who become convinced that they have been abducted by aliens are those who already believe in the paranormal in general and UFOs/aliens in particular. They then experience vivid, terrifying experiences such as occur in sleep and dreams. Perhaps because of previous trauma, they also have the capacity for intense introspection, which may lead to gaps in their memories. These sensory experiences and subsequent memory gaps are then elaborated, sometimes under hypnosis. The consequence is the mixture of sexual fantasy and science fiction that constitutes their final belief.

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Janet Daley



■ Becoming depressed may be the sane person's way of coping with all the madness in the world

Believe it or not, this is Defeat Depression Week. As a recurrent sufferer, I suppose I should be grateful for the attention, but the whole idea sounds too absurd: a campaign to trounce human unhappiness, once and for all. Of course, I know that what the Royal College of Psychiatrists really wants to eliminate is only pointless melancholy. Those without experience of it must appreciate that depression is not just sadness or even grief. It is not *about* something which could, at least theoretically, be remedied.

To be despondent because you have lost your job or a loved one is a rational and even therapeutic emotional response. You know what it is that is missing and you can begin to reconstruct what is left. True depression is not about some particular loss or deficiency in your life: not so much pain as a sense of deadening pointlessness. It is not that certain things are causing you to be unhappy but that you cannot imagine what could conceivably make you happy. Nothing is worth wanting because nothing matters in the end anyway. But considering how many creative people have been afflicted, there has to be doubt about whether depression does not have some point.

> I reject the idea that depression is an illness

Behaviourists claim that it is a kind of mental habit acquired early in life. Certainly, depressives do have a habitual tendency to generalise from whatever bad things happen — to see them as part of an inevitable pattern — while discounting the good things as aberrant. But surely this is a result, not a cause, of the syndrome. What it suggests is that we believe ourselves unworthy of happiness: that our moments of it are undeserved accidents.

If this is a disease, it is a peculiar one whose symptoms adapt themselves to suit the victim: like a perceptive torturer who knows precisely what techniques will have the greatest effect. Which is why I reject the idea that depression is an illness. As poets and philosophers have hinted, it may simply be an acute form of sanity. Depending on your degree of depression at the time, this is an idea which can be either comforting or devastating.

The question is: why are some people inclined to develop this "habit" or, alternatively, to acquire this debilitating degree of insight. I lost a parent at a young age, and, statistically, this is a predisposing factor. But I am sure that the tendency was present in my personality before that. If anything, family tragedy only seemed to fulfil my precocious sense of personal doom.

Or do all imaginative adolescents dramatise themselves? Would I have left that introverted phase behind had not bereavement locked me in to a pattern? That early loss of a parent is common among some depressives is probably a significant key. For what it is worth — and I offer this to anyone who finds it helpful — it has occurred to me that depression could be a form of anger which is turned in on oneself, which may explain why women are more prone to it than men, who feel freer to direct their aggressions outwards.

Perhaps the death of a parent leaves a child guilty about the anger he feels toward the parent who has abandoned him: an anger which it would be unforgivable to express even to himself. And the loss has another effect apart from robbing you of your security. It makes you different. One mark of true depression is the feeling of estrangement from normal life. Being half-orphaned is one way of thinking of yourself as a permanent outsider. The feeling of not belonging anywhere is central to chronic depression and may help to explain why so many comedians and professional wits are depressives.

Humour is very close to bitterness and it requires ironic distance: the ability to stand outside of the normal flow of human exchange and observe it sardonically. But if your misery isn't about anything, say the cynics, why not just snap out of it? Nothing is wrong with your life, after all, except that you can't enjoy it.

One particularly unhelpful bit of advice offered by the obtuse is to take a mental trip round the great disaster sites of the world. This might work if what you had was a specific problem: seeing other people's suffering could well put your own plight into salutary perspective. But depression is about cosmic hopelessness: evidence of even more death and despair is simply grist to the mill of your own conviction that the human condition is a bad joke.

Some claim that depression is self-protection: a way of pre-empting rejection or disappointment. Certainly, depressives are inclined to be hyper-sensitive but, again, is that a result of the depression or a cause? Albert Camus in his famous essay on absurdist despair says that suicide may be caused by "unbearable hope".

Maybe one needs to ask oneself not, why am I unhappy, but what would I be risking if I were not? Depression is not a response at all: it is a world view: a set of spectacles which cannot be removed. Looking through them can be grim but it may offer a form of truth without which we would all be poorer.



Bottomley's blunder

The case for closing London hospitals is based on figures that are wrong

William Rees-Mogg

The London hospital system is working beyond the limit of capacity. That is what the people who serve in it all believe. In the past week alone I have heard of these situations: a London teaching hospital with 26 patients on stretchers waiting for a vacant bed; a 24-hour delay in finding a secure psychiatric bed for a disturbed patient diagnosed as highly dangerous and who had committed rape, terrified his neighbours and threatened to kill his mother; a 2 o'clock appointment reached by a lone consultant at 7.10pm; the closure of five beds in a unit which has been virtually full for months. That is one week's news, from casual conversation with friends. Yet the Department of Health plans to close up to 2,500 beds, including the permanent closure of two major teaching hospitals, Barts and Guy's.

The department believes that London has too many beds, despite all the evidence that there are in fact too few. In 1989, Brian Jarman, the professor of general practice at St Mary's Hospital Medical School, surveyed actual bed numbers in London for the Department of Social Security. The figures showed that London has ten beds of all types per 1,000 people, compared with 12 per 1,000 for the rest of England. Professor Jarman is an acknowledged authority; the Jarman Index is used as standard in measuring deprivation. His hospital, St Mary's, is under no threat of closure.

The Secretary of State for Health, Virginia Bottomley, has accepted the department's view of the need to close London beds. She has relied, not in itself unreasonably, on the Tomlinson Report of 1992. Sir Bernard Tomlinson was asked to advise on "the provision of healthcare in inner London ... taking account of future developments in the provision of acute and primary care". That definition was restricted in two ways. It was confined to inner London, although outer Londoners, many of whom work in inner London, make extensive use of inner-London beds. It was confined to acute beds, and did not examine other hospital functions including geriatric, psychiatric and maternity services.

The terms of the Tomlinson remit were therefore confined to part of the fraction of the London hospital service. Not surprisingly, the Tomlinson findings are dangerously misleading if applied to the whole. The London *Evening Standard* reports that Sir Bernard was never shown the Jarman figures.

On April 10, 1993, Professor Jarman published an article in the *British Medical Journal* which reviewed the wider evidence and the Tomlinson Report. The article was called: "Is London Overbedded?" Professor Jarman's conclusion was that it was not. He wrote: "Data regarding bed provision and utilisation for all specialties by London residents do not provide a case for reducing the total hospital bed stock in London at a rate faster than elsewhere. Bed closures should take account of London's relatively poorer social and primary healthcare circumstances, longer hospital waiting lists, poorer provision of residential homes, and evidence from the Emergency Bed Service of increasing pressure on beds. Higher average costs in London, some unavoidable, are forcing hospital beds to be closed at a faster rate than nationally."

The department should either rebut or act on these conclusions. They do neither. Professor Jarman's figures are unquestioned; Virginia Bottomley herself accepts them as valid. Yet they have led Professor Jarman to the view, expressed to me, that "it is absolutely clear that they got it wrong".

Professor Jarman's *BMJ* article should be read as a whole. This is some of the evidence which led him to his conclusions. "The admission rate for acute plus geriatric services for 1990-91 was only 2 per cent higher in London than in England. However, the figures for 1990-91 also indicate that the admission rate in inner deprived areas of London is about 9 per cent below that of comparable areas outside London, such as Liverpool or Manchester."

"The rate of reduction of acute beds per resident has been more rapid in London than in England over the past ten years. If the data are extrapolated to 1993, the ratios for acute beds and for all beds in London are even now likely to be about the national level ... Emergency Bed Service data suggest that the pressure on available hospital beds in London has considerably increased since 1985 ... There are now 54 per cent more residents aged 65 or more in residential homes for the elderly per 1,000 elderly people in England than in London ... It should be noted that additional pressure on beds for elderly people is likely to arise as a result of the relatively lower provision, and continued reduction, of residential home places for elderly people in London."

Professor Jarman has destroyed the case for shutting London hospitals. London is not a privileged centre. London does not have more beds proportionate to the population than the rest of England. Inner London has more acute beds, but these also serve outer London. In terms of geriatric beds London is substantially underprovided, and that inevitably lands some geriatric cases in acute beds. The closure of further beds, including those at Barts and Guy's, is impossible to justify. Incidentally, London is seriously underprovided with beds compared with other West European capitals — by as much as a third when compared with Paris.

This policy also casts doubt on the working of the internal market. The internal market measures price but measures quality inadequately and secretly. The quality of medical treatment is determined by outcome: does the patient make a good recovery; does the patient survive? If one were to compile a Norrington table for the results of medical treatments, Barts and Guy's would come out high — almost certainly in the top quarter for most procedures.

These clinical outcome figures are in fact compiled. To some extent, they are made available in discussion to purchasers of hospital services — that is to the purchasing sections of health authorities and to fund-holding GPs — but they are not fully disclosed even to them, and not at all to patients. The inadmissible truth is that the patient operated upon in Barts or Guy's is more likely to survive than the patient operated upon in many hospitals which will not be closed.

Where clinical audits are performed, quite extraordinary improvements can sometimes be achieved. In a recent speech, Virginia Bottomley listed the benefits of some of them. "An audit of diabetic treatment in one district led to a reduction of one-third in partial amputation of legs. In the North East Thames region, an audit of the immediate treatment in accident and emergency of people with heart attacks resulted in more than a halving of deaths." Given such enormous variations in the outcome before and after clinical audits, patients would obviously prefer that those hospitals which score badly in clinical audits should be shut, and those which score well in clinical audits should be kept open. The exact opposite is what is now threatened. London hospitals are now being cut from the top; some of the best go first.

The figures are confidential, but there is a general view among medical people. "I cannot tell you the figures," one of them said to me, "but I can say this. If I had to be treated for a potentially fatal condition, I would prefer to go to one of the London teaching hospitals." This does not mean that there are no good, or equally good, hospitals outside London. But it does mean that the experts think London teaching hospital medicine is among the best.

Morale in the London hospital service has been undermined by a process of rising demand and reduced resources. Let me quote one London consultant: "I believe the health service is one of the most important things in our national life. I still value it immensely. In the past, when things were bad, I used to feel that in the end they would come right. Now I begin to doubt if that will ever happen." Like every other institution, the London hospital system needs continuous improvement, and the reallocation of resources which will always be scarce. But the policy of reducing London beds and closing teaching hospitals is actually now destroying the system. Mrs Bottomley thinks she is doing the right thing, yet she relies on Tomlinson, who was never even shown the 1989 Jarman figures. I find that the Jarman evidence is overwhelming, but above all I trust the actual experience of those who are trying to make the hospitals work.

End of the Bill and Boris show

A cold peace is looming says

Martin Fletcher

The New York Times has not yet joined those who are asking "Who lost Russia?", but as Washington's relations with Moscow become chillier it has begun to ask "What is Russia?". Not yet an enemy, it concludes, but certainly not an ally, and really no longer a partner.

This week's *Time* magazine warns not of a return to the Cold War, but of a descent into "an equally cold peace". *Newsweek* suggested that Presidents Clinton and Yeltsin "stopped pretending their two countries were the best of friends and played at being grown-up".

Wearied by four decades of Cold War hostility, America rushed to embrace Moscow following the Soviet Union's collapse, and rapidly convinced itself that Russia, despite its long history of expansionism and authoritarianism, no longer posed a threat. Presidents Bush, Clinton and Yeltsin, all seeking to boost themselves domestically, did much to foster that illusion.

The abiding images of the past three years are of Mr Yeltsin sailing with Mr Bush on Chesapeake Bay, of an ecstatic US Congress chanting "Boris, Boris" as Mr Yeltsin proclaimed communism dead, and of the Russian leader strolling with Mr Clinton on a sunny Vancouver headland against the Pacific backdrop. Barely six weeks ago Mr Clinton played the saxophone in Mr Yeltsin's dacha and spent the night as his Kremlin guest, but that may prove to have been the last performance of the Bill and Boris show.

Since then setback has followed setback with ever greater rapidity. Economic dinosaurs took control of Mr Yeltsin's cabinet; Russia trumped Nato's ultimatum to the Serbs, essentially agreeing to protect its old Slavic allies if they withdrew from Sarajevo; the Ames spy scandal erupted; the US expelled a senior Russian diplomat when Moscow refused to withdraw him voluntarily; Russia retaliated by expelling his US counterpart; Russia's new hardline Parliament freed those who tried to overthrow Mr Yeltsin last year; kowtowing to his nationalist opponents; Mr Yeltsin used his State of the Nation address to signal a new Russian assertiveness in its dealings with the West.

One US official laments: "We just don't know whether they are the good guys or the bad guys." The result is that Washington's bipartisan consensus on Russia is close to collapse. Republicans have attacked Mr Clinton's unwavering support for Mr Yeltsin, especially because in this congressional election year he has purloined crime, welfare reform and other key domestic issues they considered theirs.

But there is more to it than political one-upmanship. Old Cold War divisions are re-emerging, only this time the doves are the ones in power. They insist that Russia will still turn out all right if the West does not provoke it, and Mr Yeltsin's lapses are treated as tactical ploys. The Administration's increasingly vocal critics counter that the Russian bear, though much weakened, remains at heart a malign and aggressive animal. Richard Lugar, a senior Republican on the Senate foreign relations committee, says: "We have to get over the idea that this is a partnership. This is a tough rivalry."

His party laid down a marker last week when 31 Republican senators voted against Strobe Talbott's nomination as Deputy Secretary of State. Robert Dole, the Senate's Republican minority leader, says that Mr Talbott, the chief architect of Mr Clinton's Russia policy, was "the leading advocate within the Administration for yielding to Russia's wishes".

Numerous Republicans are now questioning whether the US should continue giving billions of dollars to a country inclining more towards confrontation than co-operation. *The Wall Street Journal* gave them additional ammunition last week by disclosing that US consultants are creaming off more than half that aid. Last Sunday, Richard Cheney, the former defence secretary and likely Republican presidential candidate, went further still by suggesting that Nato should reconsider its decision to deny immediate membership to Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic. The US needed to be "very tough and hard-nosed" towards Russia but had been "naive", he said.

Mr Clinton is struggling to maintain support for what until recently was considered one of his few foreign policy successes. Nobody ever believed that "every speech made by every politician in every election of every member of parliament would somehow be in a constant straight line toward a goal that we wanted to predetermine", as he said last Friday. Most US aid by-passed Moscow and went to promote denuclearisation, privatisation and grassroots projects. It was based "not on charity or blind faith but on our clear American interests, clearly pursued".

It is in Bosnia that the future course of US-Russian relations is likely to be determined. That, for America, has become a litmus test of Russian good faith. Will Russia press its Slavic kinsmen into making the territorial concessions required for a comprehensive peace?

Clinton crawls back

NOW THAT John Major has slept at the White House, flown in Air Force One, paid a nostalgic visit to Pittsburgh, and buried the hatchet with President Clinton, there is growing excitement about the reciprocal presidential visit in June.

But in contrast to Major's rather aimless walkabouts, the US president has very definite ideas about who he wants to see in Oxford. Clinton is planning to revive the special relationship he had with his old university porter at Oxford, known as Doug.

Retired now and in his seventies, Douglas Millin struck up quite a rapport with young Bill back in the 1960s when the fledgling politician spent a year at University College as a Rhodes scholar. "He kept the youngsters under control," remembers a comparative newcomer at the porters' lodge. "But he was popular enough."

Whether the President will take Doug on his other jaunt in Oxford, a pub crawl, has yet to be determined. But it is unlikely that he would enjoy a hostelry invaded by the presidential entourage.

Major, however, is unlikely to enjoy Clinton's Oxford spree at all for, despite all the hoo-ha about the two leaders' restored relationship, Clinton has let it be known that he wants to make the visit on his own. Clinton will at least stay at Chequers and the two will attend a state dinner with the Queen in Portsmouth as part of the D-Day 50th anniversary celebrations. As one aide points out: "They'll be seeing lots of each other during the President's visit. I'm sure your Prime Minister's probably got better things to do than spend the day in Oxford."

Blue-blooded stock

A STOCKMAN through and through is Earl Ferrers, Deputy Leader of the House of Lords. Not only has his handsome Chartley herd of White Woodland cattle been selected by the Savoy to provide traditional steaks, but visitors to his country seat in Suffolk cannot fail to be struck by his refreshing enthusiasm for the breed.

As they enter Ditchingham Hall, Bungay, they are confronted with an entire stuffed bull, which the noble lord insists is one of the finest examples of his herd and dates from the 13th century. This week's *Country Life* reports a celebratory dinner attended by Ferrers recently at the Savoy where Lady Ferrers flourished her 25th wedding anniversary present to the splendid earl. It was a silver carving — of one of his Chartley beasts.

Haughty couture

THEY are rejoicing in charity circles at the news that Rigby and Peller, bra-makers to the Queen, are hoping to contribute their customers' cast-offs to the Salvation Army's nationwide collection of underwear.

No deliveries from Buckingham Palace yet, but it is early days, and the Salvation Army has not given up hope of receiving royal underwear. "We've already got some of President Clinton's underpants and I'm sure we'll recognise anything from the Queen — they've probably got an embroidered monogram," says an officer.

The specialists in corsetry couture are urging their customers not to throw away their old underwear, but to donate them for people on low incomes and the needy in the Third World: "Women tend to wear two or three bras, but they often have two drawers full of bras which don't fit."

Grant cut

FUNDRAISING at Conservative Central Office is, understandably, an uphill struggle in today's political climate but it cannot have been helped by the latest slip-up at the party's Smith Square offices.

Until recently, Sir Alistair Grant, chairman of the Argyll Group, gave generously to the party. So he was somewhat disgruntled to receive a letter addressed to him personally as chairman of Safeway — one of his many companies —which suggested he become a "first-time contributor" to the party. More insulting still was the signatory on behalf of the Tory party — David Sieff, director of Safeway's rivals, Marks & Spencer. "It was a genuine mistake," admits a Tory aide. "We have since written and apologised." Too late, it appears. Grant has put a halt to his donations.

Earful for Menuhin

THE WAGNERIAN vocal powers of statuesque soprano Rita Hunter (pictured below) have long been legendary. But there is a tale circulating in the musical world which would suggest that she can still sing out one or two surprises.

In recent rehearsals with Lord Menuhin for a gala concert in Manchester's Free Trade Hall with the Hallé Orchestra, Hunter apparently surpassed herself.

So much so that the noble lord's hearing aid came under considerable strain and eventually gave up the ghost. Neither Menuhin nor Hunter wishes to discuss the incident but, reassuringly, relations are as cordial as ever.



● *Michael Heseltine's performance at the Scott Inquiry has been noted where it counts. Yesterday, bookmakers William Hill shortened the odds on him becoming next Prime Minister from 9-1 down to 5-1 — second only to Kenneth Clarke at 4-5.*

Buerk's trek south

AMONG the 3,000 or so journalists jostling for space in the run-up to South Africa's first universal elections will be an old hand who has been itching to return to the country for a good number of years. Michael Buerk, presenter of the *Nine O'Clock News*, is returning to South Africa for the first time since he was thrown out of the country as the BBC's southern Africa correspondent in 1987.

Buerk will be fronting a BBC *Panorama* special which is expected to go out at election time in April. In the spirit of the new South Africa the republic's embassy has been more than happy to grant him a visa.

"Of course he is very welcome," says an affable embassy spokesman. "No doubt about it. Like all the media guys he is going to do his job. We don't look back to the past. It was a long time ago and it's all forgotten."

BONDS TO WATCH

More reasons for Clarke to lower interest rates

While small investors watched the stock market with mounting anxiety yesterday, a far more important change was taking place in the bond market. The price of gilt-edged stock may seem immaterial to the owner of 100 shares in British Gas, but it has a much greater effect on the shareholder's standard of living. The "meltdown" in international bond markets of the past month, which has accelerated this week, will raise mortgage rates and hit business confidence. If people are worried about the state of the economy, it is bonds they should watch, not shares.

British bond markets have become caught up in an international frenzy of selling. Spurred by fears of rising inflation in both America and Germany, speculators have tried to cut their holdings in bonds of all nationalities. If inflation rises, central banks are likely to raise interest rates, and that makes the price of bonds fall. So speculators have been *selling in advance*. A typical ten-year gilt (British Government bond) has fallen by more than 10 per cent in price since its peak at the end of last year: a huge drop for that market.

Investors in German bonds have every reason to be worried, since the Bundesbank announced yesterday that money supply rose at an annualised rate of over 20 per cent in January. And American growth, it emerged on Tuesday, has hit a ten-year high, which suggests that inflationary pressures there may strengthen. But prospects for British inflation over the next ten years — which the price of a ten-year gilt ought to be reflecting — have not changed at all since last December.

Kenneth Clarke would be wrong, however, to shrug off the falls in the gilt market as no more than an overdue "correction", a germ spread from America's and Germany's sneezes. For the consequences of such prolonged selling could be serious for this country's economic health. Today's MORI poll for *The Times* shows that economic confidence is already the worst that it has been for a year. Britain can ill afford the rise in mortgage rates and the cost of business borrowing that troubles in the bond market will produce.

The market has now fallen far enough to remove the effects of all the post-Budget euphoria. Prices are back to the levels of last July. Other countries' markets have been similarly hit, though Britain's is among the worst. The immediate effect will be to retard recovery, both in this country and abroad, which will hurt British exports. The economy cannot carry that burden.

Yesterday Mr Clarke met Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, for their monthly discussion about the economy. Mr George will doubtless have counselled caution on interest rates: it has been his mantra for many years. He may claim that the bond markets were unrealistically high; that they were artificially subsidised by international speculative money, and that prices bore no relation to the economic fundamentals. He would be right. If market levels are now more sensible, that is to be welcomed.

But that argument neglects the stimulus to the economy that the strong bond market, with its low long-term interest rates, provided. That stimulus needs now to be replaced by government action if its absence is not to put a brake on economic recovery. Last time Mr Clarke and Mr George agreed to cut interest rates, the Governor insisted on a quarter point fall, rather than the half point that the Chancellor favoured. With hindsight, Mr Clarke was correct. This time he should trust his own judgment and cut interest rates again.

HURD ENTANGLED

The Foreign Secretary fails to quell the Pergau scandal

Douglas Hurd's admission that a British arms deal with Malaysia and British aid for the Pergau dam project became "incorrectly entangled" for a few months in 1988 failed signally to limit the damage from this affair. In an unusually edgy performance before the foreign affairs Select Committee, the Foreign Secretary sought to persuade MPs that the alleged linkage was merely a temporary expediency which the British Government quickly disavowed. As an excuse for the misuse of £234 million of taxpayers' money, Mr Hurd's plea for understanding was unsatisfactory.

The connection between the £1 billion arms deal and the aid package was first established in March 1988 by George Younger, the then Defence Secretary, in a signed protocol referring to aid in support of non-military projects. Mr Hurd's observation yesterday that this provision "reflected the Malaysian wish" for linkage was oddly banal. The point is not that Dr Matahir Mohamad's government asked for such a guarantee, but that Britain was prepared to give it.

Once that initial undertaking was made the die was cast. As Mr Hurd protested to the committee, the British Government subsequently informed the Malaysian Finance Minister that arms and aid could not be so connected under its own guidelines. Yet on the very same day Dr Matahir's government received approval for the aid package. "There was nothing wrong with either policy," said Mr Hurd yesterday, "but it had to be made clear that they couldn't be linked." It is doubtful that this alleged decoupling of the Pergau money and the arms deal would have been clear at all in Kuala Lumpur. Mr Hurd's remark was as disingenuous as the claim that the aid and arms deals proceeded "in parallel" but unrelated to one another.

During the row over the dam and the resulting disruption in relations between Britain and Malaysia, the Government has pursued a twin-track strategy. On the one hand, ministers have claimed that the temporary "entanglement" was never an official linkage, that the guidelines governing the special Aid and Trade Provision were observed, and that acceptable standards of public morality were maintained. This already dubious claim has not been strengthened by Mr Hurd's testimony.

At other moments, ministers have adopted a contrasting *realpolitik* approach to the funding of the dam, arguing that British interests were ultimately well served by the decision to overturn the explicit advice of the Overseas Development Agency. The Foreign Secretary said yesterday that he could understand "how at the climax of a difficult and important negotiation" Lord Younger felt that patriotism required him to sign the protocol. Lord Younger himself alleges that "Great Britain plc has come out of all this very well".

Yet the opposite would seem to be true. The dam is not only the most expensive single project in the history of British aid and among the most wasteful. It has also failed to secure the arms deal negotiated in 1988, much of which was rejected subsequently by the Malaysian government. Whether it is sensible to subsidise the British defence industry by paying vast sums to a third party overseas is open to question. But in this case ministers do not even have the figleaf of a successful trade-off between aid and arms: British money was wasted on a hydroelectric "white elephant" which will yield nothing but high electricity costs for Malaysian consumers. Unable to calm the Pergau storm, Mr Hurd has left his colleagues with much explaining to do.

PIRATES AND PEDANTS

The law of treasure trove has had its day

The past is a foreign country which, thanks to new technology, is more accessible, more controversial and more vulnerable than ever before. The Bill to amend the medieval treasure trove laws, introduced by the Earl of Perth, and due for second reading in the House of Lords next week, deserves support as a stop-gap filler of the holes in the present system. But it does not go far enough. The Government would be braver and more rigorous to step in and introduce its own more comprehensive measures.

Archaeology, from Roman emperors to Egyptian pyramid-robbers, and from Schliemann to Sir Mortimer Wheeler, Glyn Daniel and their kind, has always been a muddy site split between pirates and pedants. But the popular, piratical treasure-hunting instinct has been given a vast boost by the introduction of cheap metal detectors, developed from the mine detectors of the last war.

Plodding through ploughed fields, interesting bumps in plains, and river banks at ebb tide has become a week-end craze. These "metal detectorists" have been responsible for most of the rich finds of the past decade, and claim, without possibility of disproof, to discover two million buried objects a year. At the present rate, the chances are that they will have turned up anything worth finding below ground in Britain by the end of the century.

But the quaint law governing such finds in the United Kingdom harms the British heritage. Introduced by Richard I in 1195 to fortify his failing revenue, it holds that buried gold or silver that had apparently been hidden for safekeeping — and whose owners or heirs cannot be traced — falls to the Crown. However, if the treasure has simply been lost, or was buried without the intention to reclaim it, for example in a Roman grave, it belongs to the landowner, or to the hunter by "finders keepers" if the land is common.

Lord Perth's Bill removes from coroner and jury the need to determine the intention of the original owner, a magical speculation after so many centuries. The Celt, Roman or Saxon and his motives are ashes underground. It also reduces the minimum amount of gold or silver required to qualify as treasure trove. And it extends protection to almost all coin hoards and other objects found with them.

The British Museum and other custodians of the past support this modest Bill as a first step to control and record the discovery of the buried past. Weekend trawlers for treasure, who are in the game not just for the money, should be encouraged to record their finds, and punished by law for trying to evade the rules. All finds of significance should be reported, and local or national professionals given the first opportunity to pay the market price. The past belongs to all of us. It is too important to be left as the exclusive preserve of either the professionals or amateurs and the dealers.

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When to sign the immunity orders

From Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, OM

Sir, Mr Heseltine is probably not at the moment the most popular minister with his colleagues [reports, March 1, 2], but his behaviour over the signing of a public interest immunity certificate seems to me to be the only one which carries conviction in the context either of my own experience of government or of simple common sense.

It is a logical nonsense that a minister is under a mandatory obligation to sign any document. Apart from anything else such a doctrine completely destroys the value or purpose of the signature, which implies his considered approval of a particular course. If there is no discretion, there is no point in proceeding, other than literally by rubber-stamp.

Second, the picture of the Attorney-General "ordering" Secretaries of State to sign is quite preposterous. Government is, or at least was when it worked better, somewhat hierarchical. I know what I would have said to an Attorney who attempted to order me, as Home Secretary or Chancellor, to sign something I did not believe it right to sign.

Yours faithfully,
ROY JENKINS,
House of Lords.
March 1.

From Mr David Goldberg, QC

Sir, Public interest immunity certificates are not binding on a court: the court has a power to enquire whether the claim for immunity is good or bad. If, as Lord Justice Scott says, judges tend to accept such certificates as binding without making full enquiry, the fault is as much with the court as with the issuer.

That it is a judge enquiring into the Government must not be allowed to obscure the responsibility of courts: too often, when given the opportunity to control the executive, the courts wash their hands; that at least allows, if it does not cause, bad government.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID GOLDBERG,
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Gray's Inn, WC1.
February 28.

Labour's tactics

From Sir Donald Thompson, MP for Calder Valley (Conservative)

Sir, The Parliamentary Labour Party is not, at present, co-operating with the Government — for example, over pairing — and although that is looked upon as a childish own goal in Westminster, it is doing immense damage to our national status overseas. Dozens of committees attended by British parliamentarians in the Council of Europe, the Western European Union and other international bodies are being neglected simply because Mr John Smith's policy will not allow either Conservative or Labour MPs to participate.

It seems strange at a time when East European states are clamouring to take a fuller part in pan-European affairs that British influence right across the political spectrum has been withdrawn. The French, quite rightly, pursue European objectives as they interpret them: the Germans and other countries do the same.

I need not rehearse the implications of British absence, but it is distressing that members of experience who have been chosen to chair committees and undertake other duties are now letting their international colleagues down.

I have no complaints about any individual Labour members of Parliament in this matter, and I hope that they are as embarrassed as we all are by Mr Smith's antics.

Yours faithfully,
DONALD THOMPSON,
House of Commons.
March 2.

Church finances

From Mrs Joan White

Sir, The members of the nonconformist and Catholic churches, the humanist societies and other ethical groups must be looking on in amazement at the antics of the Anglicans.

During many centuries the other churches have financed both their buildings and clergy from their own pockets, sometimes at sacrificial cost to themselves. The Church of England must be unique in having purloined many of its historic buildings from someone else.

Yours sincerely,
JOAN WHITE,
The Birches, Grange Road,
Felmersham, Bedford.
February 19.

Eggs, not toffees

From Dr Barbara Reynolds

Sir, "At the age when many pensioners are content to suck toffees in front of the telly ... ", writes Fiona Pitt-Kethley in reference to Sir Stephen Spender (Books, February 24). What an insulting example of ageism! There are many 80-year-olds writing books, painting and continuing creative and useful activities. And many children and middle-aged people "content to suck toffees in front of the telly".

Yours faithfully,
BARBARA REYNOLDS,
220 Milton Road, Cambridge.
February 25.

Under-18s and homosexuality law

From Sir Frederick Lawton

Sir, Your report (February 23, later editions) of the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, saying on BBC Radio 4's *World at One* that the new law forbidding homosexual activity under the age of 18 will be enforced needs amplification. This is because of a little known rule of law, established in 1894 by the Court of Crown Cases Reserved, in a case in which a man named Tyrrell had been charged with what was then called unlawful carnal knowledge of a girl under the age of 16, contrary to the Criminal Law Amendment Act 1885.

That Act had fixed the age of consent at 16. One of the issues in that case was whether the girl could be convicted of aiding and abetting the man. It was adjudged that she could not.

The reasoning behind this case, and others which have followed it, is that when conduct has been made criminal with a view to the protection of a particular class of person, as the 1885 Act had done for young girls, any member of that class who is willingly involved in the offence, even as an instigator, is not to be regarded as a party to it.

The provision of the Criminal Justice Bill, which will make 18 the age of consent to homosexual acts, is clearly intended to protect youths under that age from involvement in them. It follows that the principle in *Tyrrell*'s case will apply when the other party to the acts is 18 or over: the younger one will commit no offence.

The *Tyrrell* principle may not apply when both parties are under 18. But in the past headmasters and others in authority have usually dealt with such cases. Ought they not to go on doing so?

Yours truly,
FREDERICK LAWTON,
1 The Village, Skelton, York.
February 25.

From Mr Gordon P. Anderson

Sir, The police are to enforce the new law on the age of gay consent. Your report (later editions) stated that in 1992 there were 244 prosecutions for consensual gay sex involving men under 21. Dr Thomas Stuttaford's "A cure for careless passion" (Body and Mind, February 22) states that there are about 8,000 pregnant girls a year under the age of 16. It would be interesting to know how many prosecutions there are per year for this illegal sex with minors.

Yours faithfully,
G. P. ANDERSON,
5 Arundel Terrace, Brighton, Sussex.
February 23.

Better patient care after the Zito case

From Sir Harold Walker, MP for Doncaster Central (Labour)

Sir, Virginia Bottomley says that the report by Jean Ritchie, QC, on the Christopher Clunis case is "an object lesson in why we need tighter community care" (leading article, February 25).

No doubt the report does carry important lessons but perhaps these might have been learnt earlier had the Secretary of State agreed to my request for an independent enquiry into a similar tragic event which occurred more than 18 months earlier than the fatal stabbing of Jonathan Zito.

Carol Barratt was a psychiatric patient in Doncaster Royal Infirmary after she had kidnapped and threatened to kill a girl in the Frenchgate Centre in Doncaster. Although a mental health tribunal had earlier refused to agree to her discharge, the psychiatrist in charge of her case released her in April 1991. Two days later she stabbed and killed an 11-year-old schoolgirl, Emma Brodie — in the Frenchgate Centre. Since then, my appeals for an independent enquiry have been stubbornly resisted.

In June 1993, Peter Savage, a patient receiving medical treatment in a general ward at the Doncaster Royal Infirmary, was stabbed and killed by a patient with a psychiatric disorder. Again my demands for an independent enquiry have been brushed aside by Mrs Bottomley.

Perhaps in the light of the Clunis case, the Secretary of State may be persuaded to think again.

Yours faithfully,
H. WALKER,
House of Commons.
February 26.

From Mr Christopher Cruice Goodall

Sir, The primary cause of the wholly predictable tragic assault by Christopher Clunis is the policy of the Department of Health.

Passively, health officials continue to accept a legal supposition which is inconsistent and untested. Consultants are mistakenly advised that they may not recall to hospital diagnosed chronic paranoid schizophrenics as soon as they relapse into refusing their vital anti-psychotic medication, without which they cannot safely remain outside hospital. However, section 3: 17 and 20 of the Mental Health Act 1983 fully provides for this circumstance.

Mrs Bottomley need not wait further for new parliamentary legislation on "supervised discharge" before taking effective action.

Yours faithfully,
C. CRUICE GOODALL,
Garrick Club, Garrick Street, WC2.
February 24.

From Dr Brennig James

Sir, When people return from work in the evening they have a meal, then watch television before retiring to bed. At weekends they go shopping or perhaps indulge in some form of sport. The "community" to which mentally ill patients are discharged does not exist, or, to be more exact, it spends its time indoors. The discharged patient can only wander the streets or sit about in public libraries, with the result that they often end up in trouble and in prison.

It costs society a great deal more to keep disturbed people in prison, from whence they are always trying to escape, than in mental hospitals, where they are happy to remain even when the doors are unlocked.

These facts were known to GPs 40 years ago, when the concept of community care was introduced, yet their views were not sought or considered.

Yours sincerely,
B. JAMES,
Cherry Orchard,
Marlow Common, Buckinghamshire.
February 25.

From Mr P. J. Townrow

Sir, In any overhaul of this country's honours system one would surely wish to see the tenacity and strength of character, demonstrated by members of our community such as Jayne Zito, suitably rewarded. Whilst this would in no way recompense Mrs Zito for her tragic loss it would at least show our respect for her determination to fight for the common good.

Yours sincerely,
P. J. TOWNROW,
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February 26.

China's 'gulags'

From Mr K. H. Lee

Sir, Your leader of February 19, "Mr Wu's gulags", unfairly accepts Mr Harry Wu's well-known vindictive attitude towards China without at least challenging some of his "facts". For instance, it refers to "more than ten million inmates of forced-labour camps" who, according to Mr Wu's "estimates", contribute $120 million (per annum?) to Chinese exports to America. At $12 per head this warrants further investigation.

Mr Wu has his story to tell (and sell) and nobody can defend such abuses of human rights as he records in *Bitter Winds*. However, I cannot accept that this gives you the right to lecture China on such matters — especially when Britain is suffering from large-scale drug trafficking of the kind that its merchants forced upon imperial China in the Opium Wars of 1839-42.

China's fear of unrest, disorder and civil war — historically well justified — explains, even where it does not justify, some of the reported abuses. A more constructive line is incumbent on us all. For a start, I suggest that Governor Patten abandons his quasi-imperialist stance and fulfils Britain's obligations as agreed by Mrs Thatcher in the 1984 Hong Kong accord.

Yours faithfully,
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Power in the wind

From Mr David Milborrow

Sir, No power source is 100 per cent reliable. The latest statistics from the International Energy Agency show that the average availability of nuclear power stations is a little over 70 per cent. The equivalent figure for wind plant is around 30 per cent (letters, February 23, March 1).

Ten utilities, in studies funded by the European Commission and completed in 1990, have examined the possibility of up to 15 per cent of their electricity coming from wind. They all concluded that substantial savings of fossil fuel, greenhouse gases, ash and other by-products of conventional generation can be made, and that construction of conventional plant can be deferred.

Moreover, they showed that only a very small amount of extra plant needs to be kept in reserve when wind is used as a power source.

Yours faithfully,
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February 24.

From Professor Emeritus Jay Appleton

Sir, Are we perhaps in danger of forgetting that the first connotation of the word "green" is a visual one?

Yours faithfully,
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February 23.

Schism and anger on Mount Athos

From Sir Steven Runciman, CH, FBA, and others

Sir, We wish to draw attention to an extremely serious turn of events on Mount Athos, the Holy Mountain, a monastic republic in northern Greece and the principal place of pilgrimage and centre of spirituality for all the Eastern Orthodox churches.

Several of the 20 monasteries on Athos were founded more than a thousand years ago and have operated as centres of spiritual excellence ever since. Each is self-governing, and each sends an elected representative to the Holy Community which administers the affairs of the Mountain as a whole. In spiritual matters the monks are answerable to the Ecumenical Patriarch, in temporal matters to the Greek state, of which they are all citizens. Within these limits the Mountain is autonomous and claims to be the world's oldest continuing democracy. Its autonomy, "in accordance with its immemorial special status", is enshrined in Article 109 of the Greek constitution of 1927.

On February 17 an exarchate (a delegation of three bishops nominated by the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Constantinople) arrived at very short notice on Athos and announced its intention to preside at the next day's meeting of the Holy Community, evidently in order to pre-empt decisions relating to certain political matters on the agenda that were not to its taste. A clear majority of the monasteries' representatives rejected this interference in their internal affairs. A minority, however, were willing to comply, creating schism.

The exarchate in anger announced the deposition of one abbot and the representatives of three other monasteries. A communique which we have received from the Mountain proclaims "severe tension" in its relations with the Ecumenical Patriarchate, a most charitable understatement.

The independence of Mount Athos is threatened by this wholly unjustifiable intrusion — an independence on which it depends for its ability to function. The Mountain has been enjoying renewal in recent decades. If the price of renewal is to be the loss of independence it will have been to no purpose. The orders of the exarchate should surely be retracted.

Yours faithfully,
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DEREK HILL
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GRAHAM SPEAKE
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Milton, Banbury, Oxfordshire.
March 2.

A word for fair play

From Mr Andrew Dow

Sir, "To do a Torvill and Dean", as in failure to recognise the best performance (Mr Noel's letter, February 26)? Surely not, for that is unfair to the original victims.

More appropriate, may I suggest, is "to be Lillehammered".

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW DOW,
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Newton-on-Ouse, York.
February 28.

From Mr Andrew Fairbairn

Sir, May I suggest that "to do a Torvill and Dean" is to win without being awarded first place.

Yours sincerely,
ANDREW FAIRBAIRN,
Midway Cottage, Norton,
Nr Chichester, West Sussex.
February 26.

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Time stood still

From Mr Graham Chainey

Sir, In Rupert Brooke's day, the church clock at Grantchester was stuck at between a quarter to eight and ten to eight (letters, February 25).

Half a century later a Grantchester contemporary of Brooke's, Lady Tansley, recalled: "I remember the first time I heard the poem. We all exclaimed, 'But it never was ten to three'." (*Cambridge Evening News*, January 9, 1968)

On May 1, 1916, when the Daylight Saving Act first came into force, it was discovered that the clock's hour hand had overnight moved on one hour. Cross-questioned, the verger responsible replied that he had only been following the new regulation (*Cambridge Review*, May 2, 1917).

On another occasion, when Brooke's posthumous popularity was still at its height, the *Cambridge Review* (November 29, 1916) fulminated: "It would be bad enough if the clock went, but to have it stand still where it does is intolerable ... The present state of affairs constitutes an offence against ecclesiastical discipline as well as literature."

The hands were accordingly soon afterwards set at ten to three, as a tribute to Brooke, but the clock was repaired by 1924.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM CHAINEY,
35 The Albemarle, Marine Parade,
Brighton, East Sussex.
February 25.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 2: The Queen was represented by the Viscount Long (Lord in Waiting) at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Lord Maude of Stratford-upon-Avon (formerly Paymaster General), which was held in St Margaret's Church, Westminster, London SW1, today.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Sir Brian McGrath at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Mr Sam Wanamaker, which was held in Southwark Cathedral, London, SE1, this morning.

The Prince Edward was represented by Mr Jeremy James Taylor.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
March 2: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, this morning presided at a meeting of The Prince's Council at 10, Buckingham Gate, London, SW1.

His Royal Highness, Patron, the National Gallery Trust, this evening gave a Reception at St James's Palace.

KENSINGTON PALACE:
March 2: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, this morning presented the London in Bloom Certificates of Excellence, 1993, for the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, at the Globe Town Neighbourhood Centre, 62 Roman Road, London, E2.

Mrs Michael Harvey was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
March 2: The Duchess of Kent this morning opened Phase Two of the Glenfield Hospital, Groby Road, Glenfield, Leicestershire, and was met on arrival by Major Everard de Lisle (Vice Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire).

Her Royal Highness this afternoon visited Huston Court and Loughborough Centre for Deaf People, Forest Road, Loughborough, and Hero Drinks Group Limited, Citrus Grove, Sideley, Kegworth, Leicestershire.

Mrs Peter Troughton was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, on behalf of The Queen, will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00. Later, he will attend the film première of *Shadowlands* at the Odeon West End Theatre at 8.00.

Princess Alexandra will open the Kingston Hospital scanner building at Galsworthy Road, Kingston upon Thames, at 3.00.

Thanksgiving service

Alan Seymour Lamboll

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Alan Lamboll will be held at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall, EC2, at noon on Thursday, March 24, 1994.

Ludgrove

There will be an Old Ludgrovian Drinks Party at The Turf Club, 5 Carlton House Terrace, London, SW1, on Tuesday, March 15, at 6pm. For further details please contact: The Headmasters, Ludgrove, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG11 3AB. Telephone 0734 789881.

College of Estate Management

The Prince of Wales has agreed to extend his presidency of the college until October 1988.

Luncheons

Canada-UK Chamber of Commerce

The Canadian High Commissioner attended a joint luncheon of the Canada-United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce and the American Chamber of Commerce (UK) held yesterday at Grosvenor House. Mr David Birch, president of the Canada-UK chamber, presided and Mr Robert L. Crandall was guest of honour and speaker.

Victory (Services) Association

The Mayor of Westminster, the Lord Mayor of London, accompanied by Mr Alderman and Sheriff John Chalstrey, attended a luncheon held yesterday at the Victory Services Club by the Council of the Victory (Services) Association. Admiral Sir Brian Brown, president, was in the chair.

Tallow Chandlers' Company

Mr D.G. Milne, Master of the Tallow Chandlers' Company, presented medals and awards to British Gas young employees at a luncheon held yesterday at Tallow Chandlers' Hall. The Master, Wardens and Court also received Mr Richard Giordano, Chairman of British Gas, regional chairmen and other representatives of British Gas.

Royal Warrant Holders

The following have been elected officers of the Royal Warrant Holders Association:

President, Mr Douglas Kinloch Anderson; Vice-President, Mrs Margaret Barbour.

Birthdays today

Mr Ernest Bradbury, writer and broadcaster, 75; the Hon Peter Brooke, CH, MP, 60; Mr Charlie Brooks, racehorse trainer, 31; Mr Peter Calver, racehorse trainer, 60; Lord John FitzGerald, racehorse trainer, 42; Sir George Gardiner, MP, 59; Mr David Glencross, chief executive, ITC, 58; Dr Rod Hackney, former president, RIBA, 52; Mr Martin Lovett, former member, Amadeus Quartet, 67; Mrs Merlyn Lowther, deputy chief cashier, Bank of England, 40; Mr Maurice Lynn, former headmaster, The Oratory School, 43; Professor Angus McGrouther, plastic and reconstructive surgeon, 48; Mrs Eleanor McLaughlin, former Lord Provost and Lord Lieutenant of Edinburgh, 56; Air Vice-Marshal C.G. Maughan, 71; Lord Mellish, 81; Mr Neil Merritt, vice-chancellor, Portsmouth University, 55; Mr J.F.X. Miller, headmaster, Framlingham College, Suffolk, 44; Mr Peter O'Sullevan, racing commentator, 76; Sir Mark Prescott, racehorse trainer, 46; Miss Miranda Richardson, actress, 36; Mr Ronald Searle, artist and cartoonist, 74; the Earl of Southesk, 33; Lord Templeman, 74; Miss Fatima Whitbread, athlete, 33.



The Princess Royal is welcomed to Vietnam by Nguyen Manh Cam, the Foreign Minister, as she starts a four-day visit to the country. The princess, the first member of the royal family to visit Vietnam, will see schools, sports centres and other community projects as president of the Save the Children Fund. She is to meet the Prime Minister and the President and will fly to Ho Chi Minh City tomorrow

Memorial services

Mr Sam Wanamaker

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Sir Brian McGrath and Prince Edward by Mr Jeremy James Taylor at a service to celebrate the life of Mr Sam Wanamaker held yesterday in Southwark Cathedral. The Very Rev David Edwards, provost, and Canon Roy White, vice-provost, officiated. Mr Leo McKern read the lesson. Miss Rosemary Harris and Mr Mark Rylance read from Maxwell Anderson's *Joan of Lorraine*. Mr Norbert Kentrup, International Shakespeare Centres, and Miss Diana Rigg read from the works of Shakespeare. Mr Keith Baxter, Mr Warren Mitchell, Sir Edward Downes and Sir Michael Perry, Chairman of the Board of the Shakespeare Globe Trustees, gave addresses.

The American Ambassador and Mrs Seitz and the Canadian High Commissioner were present. The Ambassador of Japan was represented by Miss Junko Ochi and the New Zealand High Commissioner was represented by Mr Peter Brown. The Mayor of Southwark attended. Among others present were:

Mrs Wanamaker (widow), Miss Abby Wanamaker, Miss Zoë Wanamaker and Miss Jessica Wanamaker (daughters), Dr and Mrs William Wanamaker (brother and sister-in-law); Viscountess Hampden, Lady Beloff, Lord and Lady Lovell-Davis, Lord Wedgwood, Lord Birkett (International Shakespeare Globe Centre) and Lady Birkett with other members of the board; Baroness Strange, Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare, Lord Russell of Liverpool, Lord Alexander of Weedon, QC, and Lady Alexander, Lord Clinton-Davis, the Hon Peter Brooke, CH, (Secretary of State for National Heritage), Lady Rupert Nevill.

Sir William and Lady Shakespeare, Sir Jeremy Child, Lady Perry, Sir Hugh Casson, CH, and Lady Casson, Sir Peter Parker (chairman, Globe Theatre Appeal), Sir Michael Hordern, Sir Oliver and Lady Wright, Sir Ian and Lady Gourlay, Dame Judi Dench, Lady Downes, Sir Geoffrey Cass (chairman, Royal Shakespeare Company), Lady Morse.

Mr and Mrs Michael Caine, Mr Herbert Lom, Mr James Fox, Mr Michael Hunter, Mr Robert Acton, Mr Frank Finlay, Mr Nigel Hawthorne, Mr and Mrs Derek Nimmo, Miss Barbara Kelly, Mr Julian Glover and Miss Isla Blair, Mr Bill Owen, Miss Dorothy Tutin, Mr Maurice Denham, Miss Janet Suzman, Mr Ned Sherrin, Mrs Richard Burton, Miss Miriam Margolyes, Mr Dave Allen, Mr Denis Nordern, Miss Amanda Waring, Dr Germaine Greer, Mr Duncan Weldon, Mr and Mrs John Dankworth, Mr Tony Britton, Miss Prunella Scales, Mrs Paul Eddington, Mr Melvyn Bragg, Mr Richard Griffiths, Mr Simon Callow, Miss Angharad Rees, Mr Edward Petherbridge and Miss Emily Richard.

Mr Bryan Pringle, Mr John Anstey, Mrs Jillian Tallon, Mr and Mrs Roger Wingate, Mr Tony Wingate, Professor and Mrs Glynne Wickham, Mr Peter Plouviez, Mr and Mrs Barry Day, Mr and Mrs Robert Orchard, Mr and Mrs Patrick Allen, Mr Beverley Cross, Mr and Mrs John Stride, Mr Bill Bryden, Miss Angela Douglas, Miss Ruth Messina, Miss Christina Blair, Mr and Mrs George Walker, Mr Graham Geddes, Mrs Peter Kent, Mr Roger Mutton, Mr Ayton Whittaker, Mr Peter McEnery, Miss Sheila Allen, Miss Elizabeth Spriggs, Mr Kenneth Snowman, Mr and Mrs Christopher Hampton, Mr Giles Shepard, Mr Rune Blom, Mr Tim McAnally.

Professor Graham Zellick, the Master and Clerk of the Glaziers' Company, Mr Gary Campbell, Mr and Mrs Peter Cregeen, Mr and Mrs Merle Debuskey, Mr G Grainger, Mr and Mrs Herbert Mendel, Mr Jack Perry, Ms Peggy Thompson, Dr Diana Devlin, Mr and Mrs Alan Butland, Mr and Mrs Robert Erith, Professor Andrew Gurr, Mr and Mrs John Hignett, Mr Richard Jackson, Mr Roger Parry, Mr Stephen Parry, Mrs Theo Crosby, Mr John Greenfield, Mr Ted Hampton, Mr Richard Harris, Mr Peter McCurdy, Mr Eric Vassar, Mr C N Mosselmans, Mr and Mrs H Sebag-Montefiore, Mr and Mrs Herbert Kretzmer, Mrs Janey Buchan, MEP, Mr Barry Shaw.

Mr John Davy (Vintners' Company), Mr G Adam (Port of London Authority), Mr Chris Scott (Royal Armouries), Mr Roger Pringle (Shakespeare Birthplace Trust) and Mrs Pringle, Mr Michael Day (Giggleswick School) with Kate Strickland, Matthew Jones and Jonathan Broadbent (Young Friends of Shakespeare's Globe at Giggleswick School); Miss Marion Desmond (Shakespeare Reading Society), Mr Derek Harrison (Stanford Shakespeare Company), Mr Jeffry Wickham (president, British Actors' Equity Association) and Mr Ian McGarry (general secretary); Mr Tom Stephens (Friends of Shakespeare's Globe).

Mr Peter David (Concordia Musicale), Mr James M Penstone (chairman, Vic-Wells Association), Mr Alan Sleath (chairman, RADA Associates), Mr Keith Hutton (Gallery First Nighters' Club) with Mrs Kathleen Atkinson; Mr James Bishop (editor-in-chief, *The Illustrated London News*), Miss Margaret Woolfit (Royal Theatrical Fund), Mr John Smith (London University) and Mrs Smith, Mr Peter Addyman (Council for British Archaeology and York Archaeological Trust), Mr Peter Haynes and Mrs Lesley Jones (Tostock), Miss Lesley Scott Stapleton (Scandinavian Consultants).

Miss Joan Timmins and Mrs Debbie Budden (American Community Schools), Mr Denis Brooke and Mr Gordon Green (Bexhill Amateur Theatre Society), Miss Nancy Hammond (Southwark Chamber of Commerce), Mr Nick Williams (Southwark Education Department), Mr Robert Brooke (International Shakespeare Globe Centre and Price Waterhouse), Mr Graham Jackson (Leeds Castle, Kent), Mr P M Moore (Woodbridge Society), Mr David Elyan (Bankside Gallery, Royal Watercolour Society and Royal Society of Painter-Printmakers), Mrs H Armstrong (West Buckland School, Barnstaple), Mr P Deuchar, (Albert Hall), Mr Alan A Martin (Shepheard-Walwyn) and Mr J B Dubin-Behrmann (Association of Nazi Camp Survivors).

Lord Maude of Stratford-upon-Avon

The Queen was represented by Viscount Long at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Lord Maude of Stratford-upon-Avon held yesterday in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey.

Canon Donald Gray officiated and Canon Sir Clifford Wigram said prayers. The Hon Mrs Spurrier and the Hon Mrs Hayter, daughters, read the lessons and the Hon Francis Maude, son, read from *Bishop Blougram's Apology* by Robert Browning and from *The Common Problem* by Angus Maude. Lord Amery of Lustleigh gave an address.

The Speaker was represented by Mr Michael Morris, MP, Chairman of Ways and Means. The Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House of Lords attended. The Government of Gibraltar was represented by Mr J. Pilcher, Minister for the Environment and Tourism.

The Lord Mayor of Westminster was represented by the the Deputy Lord Mayor and Deputy Lady Mayoress of Westminster. The High Sheriff of Warwickshire, the Chairman of Cherwell District Council, the Vice-Chairman of Stratford upon Avon District Council and the Mayor of Stratford upon Avon attended. Others present included:

Lady Maude of Stratford-upon-Avon (widow), Mr Paul Hayter and Mr Peter Spurrier (sons-in-law), Mrs C H Maude, Mr and Mrs Derek Maude, the Hon H C Maude, Mrs Mary Maude, Mr and Mrs C Germanos, Sir Jeremy and Lady Grayson, Mr and Mrs T J Griffiths.

The Earl of Lauderdale, Viscount Whitelaw, KT, CH, Viscount Ullswater, Lord Alport, Lord Barber, Lord Boyd-Carpenter, Lord Campbell of Alloway, QC, Lord Clark of Kempston, Lord and Lady Colnbrook, Lord and Lady Fanshawe of Richmond, Lord and Lady Fraser of Kilmorack, Lord Harmar-Nicholls, Baroness Hooper, Lord Jenkin of Roding, Baroness Miller of Hendon, Lord Pym, Lord Simon of Glaisdale, Lord Weatherill, Lady Reigate, Mr Michael Jopling, MP, Mr Tom King, CH, MP, Mr Peter Lloyd, MP, Mr Michael Portillo, MP, Mr and Mrs J Enoch Powell, Sir John Nott.

Helen Lady Dudley-Williams, Lady Ripley, Sir Robert Balchin, Sir Reginald Eyre, Sir Basil Feldman, Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, QC, MP, Sir Charles Fletcher-Cooke, QC, Lady Flower, Sir Victor Goodhew, Sir John Hoskyns, Lady Liggins, Sir Gilbert Longden, Rear-Admiral Sir Morgan Morgan-Giles, Sir Michael Neubert, MP, Sir John Stokes, Sir William van Straubenzee, Mr Ian Taylor, MP, and the Hon Mrs Taylor.

Mr Michael Brotherton, Mr John Green, Miss Angela Hooper, Mr B R Hall, Major and Mrs T W Hancock, Mr and Mrs Timothy King, Mr Roy Lewis, Mr Michael Palmer, Mr W R Stuttaford, Mr M A J Wheeler-Booth (Clerk of the Parliaments) and representatives of Conservative Research Department, Conservative Central Office for Wales, the West Midlands Conservative Council and the Gallipoli Association.

Mr Ronnie Aitken

A memorial service for Mr Ronnie Aitken was held yesterday at St Paul's, Knightsbridge. The Rev Christopher Courtauld officiated. Miss Penny Aitken, daughter, read the lesson and Miss Sarah Aitken, daughter, read from the works of Joyce Grenfell. Lord Lane of Horsell gave an address. Miss Lucy Aitken, daughter, soprano, sang Mozart's *Laudate Dominum* (Psalm 117).

University news

Cambridge

King's College

Elected into junior research fellowships in the annual internal election: Guoping Jin, Vanessa Jane Smith.

London

Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine

Dr Tim Harrison, a senior lecturer, to be a reader in medical virology; Dr David Jordan, a senior lecturer, to be a reader in physiology; Dr Alex Thomson, a senior lecturer, to be a reader in physiology; Dr Margaret Lloyd, a senior lecturer, to be a reader in general practice.

Edinburgh

George Sutherland to be Director of Finance in succession to Charles Gordon who retires on June 30. Mr Sutherland was formerly with Shell International Petroleum.

Stockton-on-Tees

John Hayward, registrar and secretary of Durham University, to be principal of University College, Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland.

Latest wills

Mr John Robert **Bent**, of Twyning, Gloucestershire, left estate valued at £2,107,239 net.

Hilda Frances **Obott**, of Sherbourne, Warwickshire, formerly of Leamington Spa left estate valued at £1,225,853.

She left £10,000 to a personal legatee, and the residue equally between the Royal Horticultural Society, Royal School of Church Music, and the Officers Association.

Mr John Bradbury **Sykes**, of Oxford, translator and former champion Times crossword solver, left estate valued at £163,948 net.

Mrs Kathleen Alice **Bailey**, of Malvern, Worcestershire, left estate valued at £1,282,006 net.

She left £4,150 to personal legatees, £20,000 to the Friends of Pershore Abbey, £10,000 to the British Rheumatism and Arthritis Association, £2,500 to the Salvation Army, £1,000 each to the Friends of Little Malvern Priory, the Friends of Great Malvern Priory, and Holy Trinity Church, Malvern, the residue equally between the RNLI, RNIB and RNID.

British Psychological Society

The following have been elected to fellowship of the society:

Mr Malcolm Adams, Dr Beverly Mary Alimo-Metcalfe, Ms Anne Hazel Richardson, Dr Clive Ernest Skilbeck, Dr Rodger Llewellyn Wood.

Inner Temple

Michael Sayers QC has been elected a Master of the Bench of the Inner Temple.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G. Acheson and Miss J. Broadhead

The engagement is announced between Gavin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J.F. Acheson, of West Byfleet, Surrey, and Joanne, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs P.S. Broadhead, of Cawthorne, South Yorkshire.

Mr H.M.H. Bowman and Miss C.V. Burrows

The engagement is announced between Henry Marcus Haverstock, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Bowman, of White Colne, Essex, and Virginia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Kit Burrows, of Burton Overy, Leicestershire.

Mr F.J.B. Corrie and Miss S.E. Batty Shaw

The engagement is announced between Francis Jonathan Bruce, younger son of Mr and Mrs Bruce Corrie, of Oxford, and Susan Elisabeth, daughter of Dr and Mrs Anthony Batty Shaw, of Barford, Norfolk.

Mr R. Crosier and Miss A. Bajrai

The engagement is announced and the marriage will shortly take place in Los Angeles, USA, between Richard Crosier, of Aylesbury, and Aliah Bajrai, of London.

Major-General A.R. Leakey and Mrs G.C.H. Morant

The marriage will take place quietly between Rea Leakey and Joan, widow of Major George Morant.

Mr T.C. Mallott and Miss S.M. Burrage

The engagement is announced between Timothy, eldest son of Mr and Mrs T.C. Mallott, of Sidcup, Kent, and Sheridan, youngest daughter of Mr Robert Burrage and Mrs Elizabeth Burrage, of Sydney, Australia.

Mr D.J. Pearson and Miss H.M. Kim

The engagement is announced from Ann Arbor, Michigan, between Douglas, younger son of Dr and Mrs G.S. Pearson, of Winterbourne Monkton, Wiltshire, and Helen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Kim, of Anaheim, California.

Mr P.D.C. Vyvyan-Robinson and Miss E.A.M. Guy

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs C.C. Vyvyan-Robinson, of Horsham, Worcestershire, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Guy, of Backwell, Bristol.

Marriage

Dr W.J. Shannon and Mrs J.B. Hope-Simpson

The marriage took place on Saturday, February 26, at Penallt Old Church, Monmouth, between John Shannon, of Ontario, Canada, and Daphne Hope Simpson, widow of Ian.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Edward Herbert, 1st Baron Herbert of Cherbury, statesman and poet, Eyton, Shropshire, 1583; Edmund Waller, poet, Coleshill, Buckinghamshire, 1606; Sir William Davenant, Poet Laureate 1638-68, Oxford, 1606; Thomas Otway, dramatist, Trotton, Sussex, 1652; William Godwin the Elder, philosopher, Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, 1756; William Macready, actor-manager, London, 1793; Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, Edinburgh, 1847; Alain (pseudonym of Emile-Auguste Chartier), philosopher, Mortagne, France, 1868; Sir Henry Wood, conductor and co-founder of the Promenade concerts, London, 1869; Edward Thomas, poet, London, 1878; Jean Harlow, actress, Kansas City, 1911.

DEATHS: Sir Nicholas Carew, courtier, executed in London, 1539; Robert Hooke, physicist, London, 1703; William Stukeley, antiquary, London, 1765; Robert Adam, architect and designer, London, 1792; Francis Egerton, 3rd Duke of Bridgewater, engineer and canal builder, London, 1803; Nicolai Gogol, novelist and dramatist, Moscow, 1852; Copley Fielding, landscape painter, Worthing, 1855; Arthur Koestler, novelist, committed suicide with his wife, London, 1983; Danny Kaye, actor, Los Angeles, 1987.

Beethoven's *Moonlight Sonata* was published, 1802.

Bizet's opera *Carmen* was first performed at the Opéra Comique in Paris, 1875.

Preident Kemal Ataturk abolished the Caliphate and disestablished the Islamic religion in Turkey, 1924.

The US Congress adopted *The Star-Spangled Banner* as the American national anthem, 1931.

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I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayer, for I hear of your love and faith towards the Lord Jesus and for all God's people. Philemon vv. 4,5 (REB)

BIRTHS

CLISSOLD - Rachel Hillary Shina, born February 28th, 9lbs, to delirious Ollie and Reiko in Tokyo.

DE RUIG - Born on March 1st at The Portland Hospital, to Carmen Cremades and Menno De Ruig at 06.13 am our son Lucas Joaquim.

FEDDER - On February 26th at The Portland Hospital, to Florence de Crevoisier and Marcus, a daughter, Iona Marie Urielle - sister to Gwennaël and Artemis.

FOLEY - On February 24th at The Portland Hospital, to Loraine and David, a beautiful daughter, Marisa Loraine, a sister for Georgia Elise.

FRANCIS - On March 1st at The Portland Hospital, to Sonia (née Coetzee) and Stephen, a son, Daniel James.

GOLEMBO - On February 25th at The Portland Hospital, to Gillian (née Marks) and Jeff, a beautiful daughter, Charlotte Olivia.

HANSON - On February 28th at Matilda Hospital, Hong Kong, to Clare (née Sargeant) and Mark, a daughter, Alice Katrina Folkard, a sister for William and Victoria.

HORLICK - On February 18th 1994, to Penelope and Richard, two daughters, Katherine Jennifer and Anna Olivia.

JOCKELSON - On February 28th, to Heidi and Bruce, a daughter, Julia Annette, a sister for Christopher, half-sister to Philip and Alexander.

KING - On February 28th at Southlands Hospital, to Paula (née Durack) and Ian, a daughter, Sophie Elizabeth, a sister for Tobias.

LYSTER - On January 9th in Brasilia, to Sandra (née Charity) and Simon, a son, Thomas John.

MANN - On February 24th, to Helen (née Lambert) and Roland, a son, Luke Alexander John.

McALISTER - On February 22nd, to Catherine (née McDonell) and Ian, a son, Jack Alexander Angus.

MORGAN - On February 23rd 1994, to Sara (née Casey) and James, a son, a brother for Edward and Arthur.

BIRTHS

PETIT - On March 1st at the Matilda Hospital, Hong Kong, to Pepita (née Provan) and Jonathan, a son, Alick Murray Jonathan, a brother for Hugh.

RIDGE - On Saturday 26th February, to Clare (née Allardyce) and Christopher, a daughter, Georgia Hope Alexandra.

ROSSI - On February 16th 1994, to Susan (née Kendall) and Dominic, a son, Michael Gaudenzio.

SENGUPTA - On February 26th at The Portland Hospital, to Oli and Jay, a healthy son, Roy.

SHEHADI - On 1st March 1994 at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Sarah (née Hargreaves) and Nabil, a son.

STEVENSON-SMITH - On February 15th 1994, to Gillie and Elliot, a son, Harry.

WETTER SANCHEZ - On March 2nd, to Cassandra (née Goad) and Erik, a son.

WILLIS - On 17th February, to Kate (née Lake) and David, a son, George Arthur Challoner, a brother to Charles and Buffy.

DEATHS

BECKETT - Suddenly on 28th February 1994 aged 83 years, Violet Ethel Beckett M.B.E. "Becky". Funeral on Wednesday 9th March 2 pm at Putney Vale Crematorium.

DIGGLE - On 1st March 1994, Kaye, aged 84 years, of Udimore, West Sussex. Formerly Vice Principal of St Hild's College, Durham. Much loved sister and aunt. Funeral Service at Leigh Woods Church, Bristol, at 11am on 8th March 1994. Memorial Service at a later date in Udimore Church, Rye. Donations for The Children's Society c/o Herringtons Solicitors, Bank Chambers, High Street, Rye TN31 7JR.

DEATHS

EASTMOND - On February 26th at Durban Nursing Home, Romsey, Hants., Ruth, formerly of Bloomfield Terrace, London and Annalong, Northern Ireland. She will be greatly missed by her many friends. Funeral Service at Southampton Crematorium, East Chapel, on Tuesday 8th March at 12.30 pm. Donations if desired to The Masters House Amenities Fund may be sent to A.H. Cheater Funeral Directors, Romsey, Hants.

FARRELL - On March 1st 1994, Marjorie Thorpe, widow of Albert (Billie) passed peacefully away at Heather House, Batheaston. Formerly of West Hill, Sidmouth and previously with her husband of John Swire and Sons, Hong Kong. Funeral service at St Thomas à Beckett, Widcombe, Bath, on Tuesday March 8th at 2pm, followed by cremation. Family flowers only, but donations may be sent for The Imperial Cancer Research Fund to Jollys Funeral Directors, 7 Windsor Place, Upper Bristol Road, Bath.

FINLAISON - On 1st March 1994 peacefully at Mount Alvernia Hospital, Betty aged 72 years. Beloved wife of the late Tiny, much loved mother of John and Anne, dearly loved Gargoo of Amanda, Suzy and Gemma. Sadly missed by Jason and Harry. Funeral private, no flowers, donations if desired to The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

HENRY - Mary Catherine (née Irving), widow of Brig. Maurice Henry I.A., born 25th March 1903 in Lahore, died very peacefully on 1st March 1994 in Stanton Drew, Avon. Beloved mother of Anne and Denis, grandmother of Miles, Cecilia, Tom, Laura and Martha and great-grandmother of Gabriel and Anna-Karenina.

DEATHS

KEEN - On February 26th, peacefully in Northwick Park Hospital, Major W.B. Keen R.M. (Benjie). A much loved and loving brother, uncle and great-uncle. Funeral Service on Tuesday March 8th at St Mary's Church, Harrow-on-the-Hill at 2 pm, followed by a private cremation. No flowers but donations if desired to The Royal Marines Benevolent Fund. All enquiries to J.A. Massey, tel: (081) 422-1688.

KEITH ALLEN - On March 1st 1994 in hospital, Dorothy Keith Allen (Artist) aged 94, widow of George Keith Allen and mother of Drew (deceased), Margery, Hugh and Charles. Funeral family only. No flowers but donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, 44 Lincolns Inn Fields, WC2A 3PX if desired.

LEFEUVRE - Katharine (Kay Clayton), suddenly after a short illness on February 26th. Mourned by her only son Leo, her family and many friends. The theatre was her love and her life. Funeral at St Mary Abbot's Church, Kensington, on Friday March 4th at 11.15am. If desired, donations to Denville Hall c/o Actors Equity.

MORBEY - On February 24th, Mignon Emma, peacefully at home. Beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Privately cremated March 2nd.

NEAME - On March 2nd, peacefully in her sleep at Kenfield Hall Nursing Home, Harriet Alberta (Berta) Lady Neame, aged 87 years, widow of the late Lt. Gen. Sir Philip Neame V.C., much loved mother of David, Veronica, Nigel and Philip, and beloved grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at St Mary the Virgin, Selling, at 2.30 pm on Friday 11th March. Flowers, or donations to Selling Church Restoration Appeal, to Hogben & Partis Ltd., Funeral Directors, 37 Stone Street, Faversham, Kent.

DEATHS

NOBLE - On Sunday 27th February suddenly at home in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, David Stanley Noble, formerly of Kenya. Deeply loved husband of Jean and devoted father of David and Jamie. The funeral service will take place in Scotland on Monday 7th March. Further enquiries to John Kane Funeral Directors, 115 Castle Street, Dumbarton, Scotland, tel: (0389) 33333.

PRINCE - Kenneth George, passed away peacefully on 26th February 1994. The service will be held at Virginia Water, Christ Church, on 7th March 1994 at 2.30 pm. Floral tributes before 1 pm Monday 7th to Harrison F and Son Ltd., 40 Harvest Road, Englefield Green, Egham.

SHAW - On 28th February 1994, her 96th birthday, Winifred Edith Waddington (Freda) M.A. Oxon (L.M.H.), formerly of Sherborne, Dorset. Widow of Fred Shaw and younger daughter of the late Col. and Mrs G.W. Mitchell of Sherborne. Private cremation, no flowers. Enquiries to W.S. Brister & Son Funeral Directors, Old Market, Hound Street, Sherborne, Dorset, tel: (0935) 812647.

SHEPHERD - Doris Mabel passed peacefully into the presence of her Lord at home on 28th February 1994, dearly beloved wife of Claude and mother of Nan, Robin, Rosemary, Genevieve and Graham (deceased). Much loved Granny. Service at St Andrew's Church, Cheam, Surrey, at 12 noon on 9th March, followed by burial. Arrangements W.A. Truelove and Son, Cheam.

SIMONDS - On March 2nd unexpectedly William Derek Cabourn, much loved husband of Ausonia, devoted father of Peticia, Carina and Annabel and Papa to Jonathan, Anna, James, Skye and Katherine, and brother of Anne. Funeral Service at the Church of St Nicholas, Remenham, Henley-on-Thames, on Friday March 11th at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Leukaemia Research Fund, 43 Great Ormond Street, London WC1N 3JJ or River Thames Society c/o John Cave, 82 St Andrews Road, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon.

DEATHS

WEAVER - Jo, loving wife of the late Paul Weaver O.B.E. Died peacefully on March 1st after a determined struggle. She will be greatly missed. Family funeral in Devon on Friday 5th March. No flowers please - donations in lieu to Marie Curie Cancer Care at 11 Lyndhurst Gardens, London NW3 5NS.

IN MEMORIAM - WAR

BOISSIER - On his 70th birthday, Martin and Roger remember with great affection their eldest brother, John Richard, born 3rd March 1924, who lost his life, aged 21, with other members of the crew of HMS MGB 2002, on 13th May 1945.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

KEMP - In proud and loving memory of my elder sister Mavis, civilian Aero Engineer, R.A.F., on this the 50th anniversary of her death on March 3rd 1944, aged 22, on a war service test flight near Cambridge. Forever remembered. Joyce.

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COMPANY NUMBER 886117
ANGLO-SWISS ENGINEERING LIMITED
NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF THE ABOVE COMPANY
On 24 February 1994 the above named company was placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Anthony Victor Lomas of Price Waterhouse, No 1, London Bridge, London SE1 9QL was appointed liquidator by the shareholder.
The liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the liquidator at the above address by 28 March 1994 which is the last day for proving claims. The liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.
The above company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.
Anthony Victor Lomas
24 February 1994

CORRIB LEISURE LIMITED AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, on Friday the 11th March 1994, at 11 o'clock in the fore noon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A Segal & Co., Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from Wednesday 9th March 1994.
Dated this 14th day of February 1994.
D J LONG
Director

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D J MASON, LIQUIDATOR
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OBITUARIES

GROUP CAPTAIN BRIAN KINGCOMBE

Group Captain Brian Kingcombe, DSO, DFC and Bar, wartime fighter ace, died on February 15 aged 76. He was born on May 31, 1917.

IN THE case of Brian Kingcombe, the 18 combat victories with which he was accredited undoubtedly represent a conservative estimate of the aircraft he actually shot down. This was because, for him, being at continuous grips with enemy formations was more important than trying to confirm victories. He was without that sometimes fatal curiosity, and perhaps his relaxed attitude to combat statistics was, in the long run, his salvation. Having raked one opponent with machinegun or cannon fire, he immediately turned to whatever other targets were available and set about doing as much damage to them as he could.

His fighting career was a remarkably long one, a good deal of it in the famous No 92 Squadron. From May 1940 he was engaged over Dunkirk and went on to serve in the Battle of Britain; on fighter sweeps over occupied France; in North Africa; and in the invasion of Italy. Even later in the war, as Senior Air Staff Officer of a Liberator bomber group, he liked to fly missions as a waist gunner.

Charles Brian Fabris Kingcombe was born in Calcutta and educated at Bedford School. He went to Cranwell in 1936, but his career was almost nipped in the bud when he was seriously injured in a car crash. Making an astonishing recovery, he managed, however, to return to flying.

At the outbreak of war he was serving in No 65 Squadron but in May 1940 went to No 92 as a flight commander. Very soon he was involved in the desperate air battles which raged over the Dunkirk beachhead as the RAF strove to prevent the troops of the BEF being savaged by the Luftwaffe's fighters and dive-bombers, as they awaited rescue. In this period Kingcombe shot down several German bombers — Do 17s, He 111s and Ju 88s.

For the first part of the Battle of Britain, No 92 was stationed at Pembrey in South Wales, and thus missed the opening exchanges. But, moved to Biggin Hill at the height of the battle on September 8, 1940, it soon made its mark for its fighting prowess, its buccaneering spirit and its dislike of authority. By early October it had achieved its 100th victim and Kingcombe had won his first DFC for his contribution to this remarkable haul — six indisputable victories besides a substantial number of "probables" and planes damaged.



A group of 92 Squadron pilots after their 130th victory. Kingcombe is fifth from the left



During this period he had frequently led the squadron on a temporary basis and early in 1941 was made its commanding officer. As such he led it on fighter sweeps over northwest Europe, shooting down one Me 109 and probably a second, before being rested for six months with a training unit. But by late 1941 he was back on operations in command of No 72 Squadron.

On the morning of February 12, 1942, the German battle cruisers *Scharnhorst* and *Gneisenau* and the heavy cruiser *Prinz Eugen* were spotted steaming with a destroyer escort into the Straits of Dover on their way to German ports, having broken out of Brest the night before. Kingcombe and No 72 Squadron provided the fighter cover for the brave but forlorn attempt to stop the audacious "Channel Dash" of the Brest squadron by the Fleet Air Arm's Swordfish torpedo bombers. The attacking navy planes were all shot down on that day, and Kingcombe's Spitfire had a hole blown in its wing when he flew too close over *Scharnhorst* and came under fire from her formidable AA armament.

On passing ten kills, Kingcombe received a Bar to his DFC and later in 1942 won the DSO as commander of the Kenley Wing. In 1943 he was posted to North Africa to command 244 Wing, which included his old squadron, No 92. In a year-and-a-half of continuous air fighting, during which he led the wing to the end of the desert campaign and through the invasion of Sicily and Italy, he increased his personal tally to 18. At the remarkably early age of 25 he was made a group captain.

He ended the war as SASO of No 205 Liberator Group. But though a career in the higher echelons of the service seemed to beckon, the stresses of continuous combat had damaged his health and treatment for tuberculosis necessitated his being invalided out of the RAF in 1947. He subsequently joined another wartime fighter ace, Wing Commander Paddy Barthropp, in a successful luxury car hire business. In 1969 he and his wife Lesley, whom he had married in 1957, established Kingcombe Sofas, which became renowned for its custom-built productions.

Brian Kingcombe is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter.

JOSEPHAT KARANJA

Josephat Karanja, Vice-President of Kenya, 1988-89, and High Commissioner to London, 1963-70, died from cancer in Nairobi on February 28 aged 63. He was born on February 5, 1931.

ALTHOUGH he was only 32 when he was appointed Kenya's first High Commissioner to London in 1963, Josephat Karanja soon became the doyen of the African ambassadors. The unilateral declaration of independence by the Smith regime in Rhodesia in 1965 and the increasingly oppressive apartheid policies in South Africa, meant that it was a busy time for the newly-emergent Africa caucus in the diplomatic community. Karanja called the African diplomats in London together on many matters of common interest and was regarded as a tactful but extremely tough chairman of the Commonwealth Sanctions Committee.

In less formal respects, connoisseurs of the diplomatic round were indebted to him and his wife Beatrice, a Ugandan whom he married in London in 1966, for some of the most convivial diplomatic parties during his seven years as High Commissioner. For journalists he was accessible, well-informed and courteous but noted for relentlessly upholding not only Kenya's but Africa's point of view. He left London to become vice-chancellor of the University of Nairobi when it was established in 1970.

A member of the predominant Kikuyu tribe, Josephat Njuguna Karanja was a graduate of Delhi University and obtained his MA from Atlanta and a PhD from Princeton. After graduation he taught history briefly at the then University College, Nairobi, before being appointed High Commissioner in London.

He first entered politics in 1979 but was elected to the Kenyan parliament only at his third attempt, in 1986, when he won a seat at a by-election. He was quickly appointed Minister for Research Science and Technology. In March 1988, less than a year later, President Moi appointed him Kenya's fifth Vice-President and Minister for Home Affairs and National Heritage in place of Mwai Kibaki.

As Vice-President, Karanja supported the government's controversial decision to abolish security of tenure for judges and the government's senior law officers. He also clashed with the Churches and the Law Society of Kenya.

After only a year as Vice-President, however, Karanja was unexpectedly attacked by a civil servant at a highly charged political rally in April 1989 and accused of dividing Kenyans along tribal lines and undermining the authority of the President. A few days later the Kenyan parliament passed a unanimous vote of no confidence in him. Karanja described the debate as "political thuggery" but resigned and quit his parliamentary and party posts.



Three years later he was among the leaders of the Forum for the Restoration of Democracy and was accused, with another former MP, of spreading unfounded rumours of an impending military coup. When multi-party politics were reintroduced in 1991 Josephat Karanja was re-elected as an MP.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters and a son.

JOHN CREACH



John Creach, rock violinist, died on February 22 aged 76. He was born in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, in 1917.

A CLASSICALLY trained violinist, "Papa" John Creach became a rock music star with Jefferson Airplane, one of the most long lasting and prolific groups to emerge from the Haight-Ashbury district of San Francisco in the 1960s.

Creach was already 53 years old when he was "discovered" by the Airplane. Members of the group first heard him play at a Los Angeles club in 1970 and he joined the band shortly afterwards. Playing an electric violin with a rapid fire attacking technique, he quickly won the admiration of the Airplane's audiences. His arrival was regarded as affirmation of Airplane's experimental nature.

Called Papa by the other members, he was a strong influence on the group both musically and personally. When the band split up in 1972 he played with other Airplane members in the group Hot Tuna. He then played, when in his seventies, with the Jefferson Starship, the band that evolved from Jefferson Airplane. He had toured with that band for the last two years despite suffering from arthritis and loss of hearing. In 1992 he recorded *Papa Blues* with the Bernie Pearl Blues Band, his first CD and his first all-blues set.

Creach started playing the violin at the age of ten. When he was 18 his family moved to Chicago where he received some classical training and played briefly with the Illinois Symphony Orchestra.

In the 1930s he formed a group called the Chocolate Music Bars, playing jazz, blues and popular music, which toured throughout the United States and Canada.

In 1945 he settled in Los Angeles, playing on a ship-board band cruising between Los Angeles and Santa Catalina Island. At that stage he began using an electric violin which had just been developed.

Last year the Memphis-based Blues Foundation presented him with its W. C. Handy Award as an outstanding blues musician.

Creach is survived by his wife Sylvia.

WILLIAM MILLWARD

William Millward, CB, CBE, a former superintending director of the Government Communications Headquarters, died on February 23 aged 85. He was born on January 27, 1909.



BILL MILLWARD wrote the opening chapter in *Codebreakers*, the book of authoritative memoirs published last year, which told the inside story of Bletchley Park, the Government Code and Cipher School (GCCS) during the Second World War. A fluent German speaker, he had been posted to the top secret establishment from the RAF after working as an intelligence officer with Fighter Command.

One of 30 contributors to *Codebreakers*, which made the full story of the Bletchley operation accessible to the general public, Millward described how they worked six-day weeks, in three round-the-clock watches, sifting through the undigested output from the de-cryptographers who had cracked the Enigma codes.

At the end of the war, with the rank of squadron leader, Millward was dispatched to Berchtesgaden, Hitler's retreat in Bavaria, to interrogate senior officers in the Luftwaffe. A number of these were flown back to Britain for further questioning, accompanied on the aircraft by Bill Millward — who had been armed with a service revolver in case of trouble. As he had no clear idea of how to use it, he was hugely relieved to report that the flight went smoothly. It must have seemed an unlikely role for a shy Dulwich College schoolmaster before the war. But, in fact, it opened up a new career for him.

A builder's son from Knowle, Warwickshire, William Millward had gone to Solihull School, then to St Catherine's Society, Oxford, where he read French and German. He then went to Dulwich as an assistant master, teaching the same languages — to which, at the school's request, he added Spanish.

He spent three months in Spain to learn the language, staying with a taxi driver's family in Santander while taking daily lessons in conversation and grammar.

But Millward, a diffident, retiring intellectual, found teaching stressful. At one stage he developed mild agoraphobia, even skirting round open spaces at the school. He conquered this and spent 11 years at Dulwich, before being called up for the RAF in 1941.

On being demobilised in 1946 he spent an agonising weekend with his wife trying to decide whether to return to being a schoolmaster or whether to remain in the intelligence world. He opted eventually for the latter and the decision was almost certainly the right one.

He advanced steadily through the ranks at Government Communications Headquarters, Cheltenham, the peacetime successor to the GCCS at Bletchley Park, eventually becoming, in 1958, a superintending director — one of five assistant chiefs with functional responsibilities at the establishment.

Although the title of deputy director had been dispensed with, Millward became in effect the number two man, deputising for the director Sir Leonard Hooper who, by sad coincidence, died only a few days before him.

Age, and perhaps Millward's shyness, had already ruled out any question of the succession. He retired in 1969, only to return almost immediately to help write a classified, internal history of GCHQ which is still used — partly as a training manual.

He left finally in 1974 and devoted his retirement to his interests in the arts. He was on the board of the Everyman Theatre in Cheltenham and was closely involved with the town's music festival.

Bill Millward is survived by his wife Nora, whom he married nearly 57 years ago and who also worked at Bletchley Park during the war, and by one son and a daughter.

RICHARD LUTYENS

Richard Lutyens, investment banker, died from cancer on February 12 aged 45. He was born on July 1, 1948.

IN 1988 Richard Lutyens co-founded Campbell Lutyens (later Campbell Lutyens Hudson), one of the emerging handful of what have become known in the City as "boutique" investment banks. The idea of this sort of smaller, more specialised company was that they should not lend or invest themselves but offer specialist corporate financial advice at a senior level. Lutyens's company established a firm niche within the City's market, at the opposite end of the spectrum to the huge integrated banking houses at which he had spent the previous fifteen years.

A great nephew of the architect Edwin Lutyens, Richard David Lutyens was born in London and educated at Rugby and St Edmund Hall, Oxford. In 1972, after a brief spell as a trainee at Kleinwort Benson, he joined S. G. Warburg.

There he caught the eye of Sir Siegmund Warburg. When Rothschilds were trying to exclude Warburg from a Eurobond issue for an American client, Sir Siegmund asked Lutyens to search the archives for an old memorandum of his which covered a verbal agreement he had made with Rothschilds 15 years previously. When Lutyens found it, Rothschilds were forced to back down.

Within five years Lutyens was made an executive director at the age of 29, becoming the youngest ever director of the bank at the time. In 1985 he switched to become head of Merrill Lynch Europe's international equity team, building a highly-profitable organisation. He was particularly proud to have handled the listing of *Euromoney* on the stock market — the monthly bible of the international financial community.

But Lutyens enjoyed working more directly with clients and in 1988 he left Merrill Lynch and co-founded Campbell Lutyens as a niche investment bank. It was conceived as a small operation — there were only six employees to begin with (now 16) at the company offices in Mayfair. Lutyens believed in the idea of Europe as the domestic market place of a British-based investment bank and fostered particularly strong links in Spain.

Cancer was diagnosed in 1990, but Lutyens fought it all the way, using his enforced periods of relaxation to achieve a single figure handicap at golf and continuing to put in appearances at work as a non-executive chairman.

He is survived by his wife Mary Ann, and three daughters, his son having predeceased him.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G. Acheson and Miss J. Broadhead
The engagement between Steven Gavin, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.F. Acheson, of Eyhurst, Surrey, and Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Broadhead, of Cawood, North Yorkshire.

Mr H.M.H. Bowman and Miss C.V. Burrows
The engagement between Henry Mark, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Bowman, of Ware, Hertfordshire, and Virginia Elaine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Burrows, of Derry, Londonderry.

Mr F.J.B. Currie and Miss S.T. Batty Shaw
The engagement is announced between Frances Jean, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Currie, of Oxford, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Batty Shaw, of Anthony, Norfolk.

Mr R. Crozier and Miss A. Bajrai
The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place in Los Angeles, between Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs Crozier, of Surrey, and Aliah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bajrai, of Miami, Florida.

Major-General A.R. Leake and Mrs G.C.H. Morant
The marriage will take place quietly between Rex, widower of Mary Joan, widow of Major-General Morant.

Mr T.C. Mallott and Miss S.M. Barrag
The engagement is announced between Timothy, eldest son of Mr and Mrs T.C. Mallott, of Ightham, Kent, and Sheridan, younger daughter of Mr Robert Barrag and Mrs Elizabeth Barrag, of Sydney, Australia.

Mr D.J. Pearson and Miss H.M. Kim
The engagement is announced between Henry, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Pearson, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Hyun, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Kim, of Irvine, California.

Mr P.D.C. Vyvyan-Robinson and Miss E.A.M. Guy
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs C.C. Vyvyan-Robinson, of Horsham, Worcestershire, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Guy, of Bristol.

Marriage

Dr W.J. Shannon and Mrs J.B. Hope-Simpson
The marriage took place on Saturday, February 26, at the Catholic Church, Monmouth, between John Shannon, of Chepstow, and Daphne Hope-Simpson, widow of Ian.

Anniversaries

1703: William Stukeley [illegible] London 1765: Robert A[illegible] poet and daughter, Frances Egerton, [illegible] Bridgewater, engineer and builder, London, 1803; Caspar [illegible] painter, Dresden, 1857; [illegible] landscape painter, W[illegible] Arthur Koestler, [illegible] and suicide with [illegible] 1983; Danny Kaye [illegible] Angeles, 1987.

Berthoud's Memoirs [illegible] was published, Paris, 1827; Hans Christian Andersen performed at the Tuileries, Paris, 1857; President Kruger [illegible] the Caliphate and the Islamic religion, 1924; The US Congress [illegible] Star-Spangled Banner [illegible] American national [illegible]

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IN THE MATTER OF HOOF'S FOOTWEAR LTD AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S.98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 25 February 1994, I, Melvyn Julian Carter, of Carter Backer Wheeler, MBI, Mezzanine, Hillgate Hill, London, N19 5UU was duly appointed Liquidator of the Company.
M J Carter
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PIUS XII

QUICK CHOICE OF NEW POPE

ROME, MARCH 2

The new Pope has been elected with almost unexampled rapidity. This afternoon, at the third scrutiny of the Conclave—two had been held this morning—the choice fell on Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli, the Camerlengo, who thus became Pope on his sixty-third birthday.

Cardinal Pacelli's long experience in the political department of the Vatican Government and as Nuncio in Germany, as well as his high qualities of character, had made him from the beginning one of the most popular candidates for the Papacy. He was known to have very strong support among the other members of the College of Cardinals, and it was consequently thought that if the ballot were to be decisive on the first day of the Conclave, he would almost certainly be the choice.

Nevertheless, it was with a thrill of surprise as well as excitement that the population of Rome, listening at their wireless sets about half-past five, heard the Vatican station calling the rest of the world in all languages to link up for the important announcement. Even then the news was scarcely credited. Listeners thought they might have been mistaken. The crowd in the Piazza of St. Peter's was by no means sure whether the smoke which they had seen issuing from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel was to be regarded as black or white . . .

The Pope, who will be known as Pius XII, breaks a tradition now a century old that the Vicar of Christ should have had the cure of souls. Cardinal Pacelli never assumed pastoral duties. From the time that he was ordained in 1890, the whole of his career had been connected with the direction of the affairs of the Church as Nuncio, or with the execution of Vatican policy. His unique experience in this regard is his first title to becoming the head of the Church. It is commonly believed, moreover, that the late Pope wished him to be his successor . . .

It would be rash, however, to assume from this that the new Pope will carry on unmodified, the policy of Pius XI. Whereas the late Pope's firm and unbending courage made him essentially inclined to affront the dangers and difficulties which gathered about the Church during his reign, Cardinal Pacelli's record both as Nuncio and Secretary of State shows him to have a remarkable gift for taking the sting out of a quarrel and for tempering strife with reason. There can be little doubt that he received support on this account from the many members of the College of Cardinals, who hope for a mitigation of the tension between the Church and the Governments of the totalitarian States.

Cardinal Pacelli, it is known, did not share the late Pope's enthusiasm for the uses of Catholic Action, the lay organisation for the promotion of religious thought among young Catholics, the activities of which in Italy have been so frequently an object of Fascist attacks . . .

ON THIS DAY

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Pius XII (1876-1958), a conservative in doctrine and politics, was venerated in his lifetime; after his death, he was subject to some criticism for not being more outspoken against the Nazi persecution of the Jews.

• Tulip fields lure thousands • Polish flights resumed • Renting Hampton Court

Coach tours in full bloom

By Willy Newlands

BRITISH bus-parties will be crossing the Channel in their thousands this month to see the bulb-fields of The Netherlands in full bloom.

The trips to the tulip fields, which start at the end of March, are traditionally the opening of the coaching season — and a good indicator of the health of the bus-trip business. This season the verdict is a cautious "looking good", and also the 400th anniversary of the first introduction of the tulip to The Netherlands.

Marielle Albers, of the Netherlands Board of Tourism, said: "The downturn in tourism has hit places like Amsterdam quite hard over the last couple of years, but the bulb-field tours go on much the same, season after season. This spring, although bookings are later than usual, we expect to see thousands of visitors, and perhaps an increase."

Even more positive is Richard Wright, who organises trips for several special-interest groups in the West Midlands. He says: "Day-trips and coaches, Clacton and Skegness, all that stuff had a bad image for years. But now people realise that an all-inclusive coach trip with people who are interested in the same subject, whether it's gardening or motor racing, can be good fun. It's a growth business."

Melanie St John, who works on promotions for the Coach Tourism Council, says: "More than 2.5 million people take a holiday by coach each year. Operators have introduced more short breaks and often include some kind of special interest, making the tour appeal to those who wouldn't previously have considered a holiday by coach."

Examples in Britain include short breaks to the Catherine Cookson country, taking in the sights of Northumbria and following trails linked to her best-selling novels and learning about the author's life.

Best-sellers among tours this year are those celebrating the D-Day landings in 1944, taking in the assault beaches, the memorial museums and the battlefield sights. Ms St John says: "People who choose one of these trips may not take a coach for their main holiday, but find they give good value and a hassle-free short break."

The greatest improvement has been in the coaches themselves. At £150,000-plus, a modern tour coach costs as much as an aircraft did only a few years ago. It is fitted with all the in-flight necessities, from wash and lavatory facilities to hot drinks machines, fridges, reclining seats and video screens.

Another plus-point is the convenience of being picked up, with your luggage, at a local bus station or from the High Street — almost certainly more convenient than a flight-based holiday, even though these now depart from 22 regional airports.

Passengers have polarised into two different groups, according to Christine Ball, of Travelscene. "Half of them want to use the coach as a low-cost way of getting to, say, Paris. Then they go as they please. The other half want the complete service, including pre-booked excursions."

What are people booking at the moment? The bulb-fields are high on the list, from late March through until the first week of May. Three nights in The Netherlands with Travelscene (081 427 8800) staying at Scheveningen, costs from £159. Some excursions are included, but a full day to Delft, the Hague and Amsterdam adds £22.

The city of Amsterdam itself is an ideal coach-holiday destination because its small size and English-speaking inhabitants make it possible to explore on foot and by public transport without any problems, even for the most nervous traveller.

The famous gardens of Keukenhof, which are south of Amsterdam, in the direction of the Hague, are at Lisse, near Haarlem.

The Keukenhof staff expect a very busy season and are putting on special displays of the original tulip species and early cultivars which were introduced to The Netherlands in the late 1500s from the Ottoman Empire.

MARC ROMANELLI



Tulips of Amsterdam — exquisite blooms on display at the Keukenhof gardens, one of the most popular destinations for tourists

'Superbus' challenge to rail

By Harvey Elliott

A DETERMINED attempt to persuade businessmen to abandon the railways in favour of coaches is to be launched today.

National Express, which operates Britain's biggest national network of scheduled coach services, is to introduce experimental aircraft-style "club class" seating on the route between Newcastle on Tyne and London which, if successful, will be extended to its fleet of 500 coaches.

Coaches had until recently an average of 53 seats. The recent installation of lavatories on almost all coaches, together with a refreshments area, has reduced this to around 49.

National Express now plans to cut this to 44, initially on six of its main-line "Rapide" coaches out of Newcastle.

The coach operator has also linked into a system of infrared sensors fixed to motorway bridges which automatically give information on potential traffic hold-ups ahead.

The new system, Trafficmaster, is produced by Cray Systems and has also been taken up by big freight carriers such as Glaxo, Marks and Spencer and British American Tobacco. It covers more than 1,000 miles of motorway and is updated every three minutes.

A spokesman for National Express said: "With everyone now having to think very carefully about their expenditure, businessmen are finding coach travel more attractive than ever." A standard economy return ticket between London and Leeds, on British Rail, is £93 while on a coach it is £15.

TRAVELOGS

Take-off for City

THE number of passengers using London City Airport in February was more than double that of 1993. Almost 32,000 people flew in or out of the airport last month, a 112 per cent increase on the previous year. Bill Charnock, managing director, said: "It seems business travellers are realising the benefits of our airport." The airport prides itself on its fast passenger check-throughs and parking facilities.

Tobago link

BWIA International is resuming direct flights from Heathrow to Tobago on March 28. The service will operate from Heathrow on Mondays.

Fit to fly

A NEW guide, *Good Health for Travellers*, with information from preparing your trip to what to do in case of a medical emergency is on sale from bookstores and Mediscript (081-446 8898), the publisher, for £2.50.

Travel News is edited by Harvey Elliott

WEEKEND TRAVEL

THERE will be four pages of Travel in the expanded Weekend section of *The Times* on Saturday, with articles on more than 20 Easter holidays that can still be booked, the Haute Route, the holy grail of skiing, a weekend break in Cairo and country-cottage holidays in England.

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Peace at last in the air

By Harvey Elliott

AN AIRLINE dispute which has grounded all direct air links between Britain and Poland for almost four months should be settled within days and services resumed by the end of this month.

The dispute has crippled business and tourist travel between London and Warsaw, cost British Airways and the Polish national airline LOT millions of pounds, and damaged trade between the two countries. It broke out over the number of flights each airline is allowed to make each week.

British Airways wanted to fly twice a day between Heathrow and Warsaw. The flights, it maintained, were needed to meet increasing demand and were its right. LOT, however, said that such a move would have provided too much capacity and prevented either airline from making money. As the two airlines confronted each other, Britain banned LOT from flying into Heathrow, leading to a similar ban on BA flights to Warsaw.

Andrzej Rode, LOT's general manager in London, described the dispute, which seemed in danger of upsetting the Easter travel plans of many of Britain's 150,000 Polish residents, as "crazy".

A compromise deal is now being completed under which the Polish authorities will accept BA's right to operate more than once a day, while BA reschedules its times and flies only two extra flights a week rather than the five it had originally planned.



Historic magnificence — the chapel at Hampton Court

Tudor splendours

By John Young

FOR as little as £549, a party of six can sleep in the Tudor splendours of Hampton Court.

This has been made possible by the Landmark Trust, which has leased and furnished Fish Court, within the palace itself, and the nearby Georgian House in the grounds, which sleeps eight. Smaller groups are accepted but they must pay more.

No other building in Britain conveys a more vivid sense of history than Hampton Court. Henry VIII's State Apartments, reopened to the public last July, are now filled for the first time since the 16th century with priceless Tudor treasures. And the Chapel Royal, which had previously been open only for services, is on display in all its magnificent glory.

Equally impressive has been the restoration of the King's Apartments after the disastrous fire in 1986. The project was completed in 1992 at a cost of some £13 million.

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Holiday prizes

MORE than 50,000 people entered *The Times* Go Places holiday competition, which gave readers the chance to win one of five luxury trips with five of the UK's top tour operators.

Questions appeared between January 17 and 22 and were as follows:

Day 1: A. Where in Turkey will you find the Library of Celsus? *Ephesus.*

B. Which large Italian city is close to Pompeii? *Naples.*

C. After which saint were the knights of Rhodes named? *John.*

Day 2: A. Part of which major river forms the Colombia-Venezuela boundary? *Orinoco.*

B. On which peninsula was the last outpost of the Mayans? *Yucatan.*

C. In which country is the highest active volcano in South America? *Chile.*

Day 3: A. Which mountains stretch from the Gulf of St Lawrence to Alabama? *Appalachian.*

B. On which river does Roanoke, Virginia, stand? *Roanoke.*

C. Of which US state is Boise the capital? *Idaho.*

Day 4: A. What is the capital of Switzerland? *Berne.*

B. Which Portuguese river flows into the "Sea of Straw"? *Tagas.*

C. Which Bavarian town is famous for its Passion play? *Oberammergau.*

Day 5: A. Of which African country was Idi Amin dictator? *Uganda.*

B. What country's currency is abbreviated to RwFr? *Rwanda.*

C. What was the former name of Zimbabwe's capital city? *Salisbury.*

The prize for the Day 1 quiz, a 15-day Mediterranean cruise with Swan Hellenic visiting Venice, the Greek islands and Instanbul, was won by Mrs Morag Wray, of Bristol.

The Day 2 prize, an eight-day tour of India with Cox & Kings and was won by Jeremy Pink, of Chichester.

The Day 3 prize, a Trek America two-week holiday in the West, including flights: R. Beverley, of Essex.

Day 4, an Insight ten-day tour of Denmark and Norway visiting Oslo, fjords and Bergen: Mr H. Reay, of Cumbria.

Day 5, a nine-day safari in Kenya, including flights, accommodation and meals: Mrs M. Fairweather, of Cornwall.

The accumulator prize for answering all of the questions every day was won by Margaret Wragg, of Cambridge, and is a seven-night all-inclusive beach holiday in St Lucia from Caribtours, staying at Le Sport Hotel with ocean view accommodation.

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Specialist tours thriving

■ Pressure from the large travel companies has failed to stem the growth of the smaller specialists

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

HUNDREDS of small independent holiday companies which confounded and surprised the experts simply by surviving the recession are now rapidly increasing both the number of customers and their profits.

The travel industry was convinced that most small independent operators would be forced out of business by the combination of a steep drop in the number of people booking a foreign holiday, a bitter cut-price war among the three biggest tour operators and ever-growing bureaucratic rules and regulations.

As the world's aviation industry gradually became concentrated into a smaller number of international giants the package travel business, it was assumed, would follow.

New figures show, however, that the number of small tour operators has actually increased, rather than dropped, over the last three years and that the recent surge in holiday bookings has been shared by big and small alike.

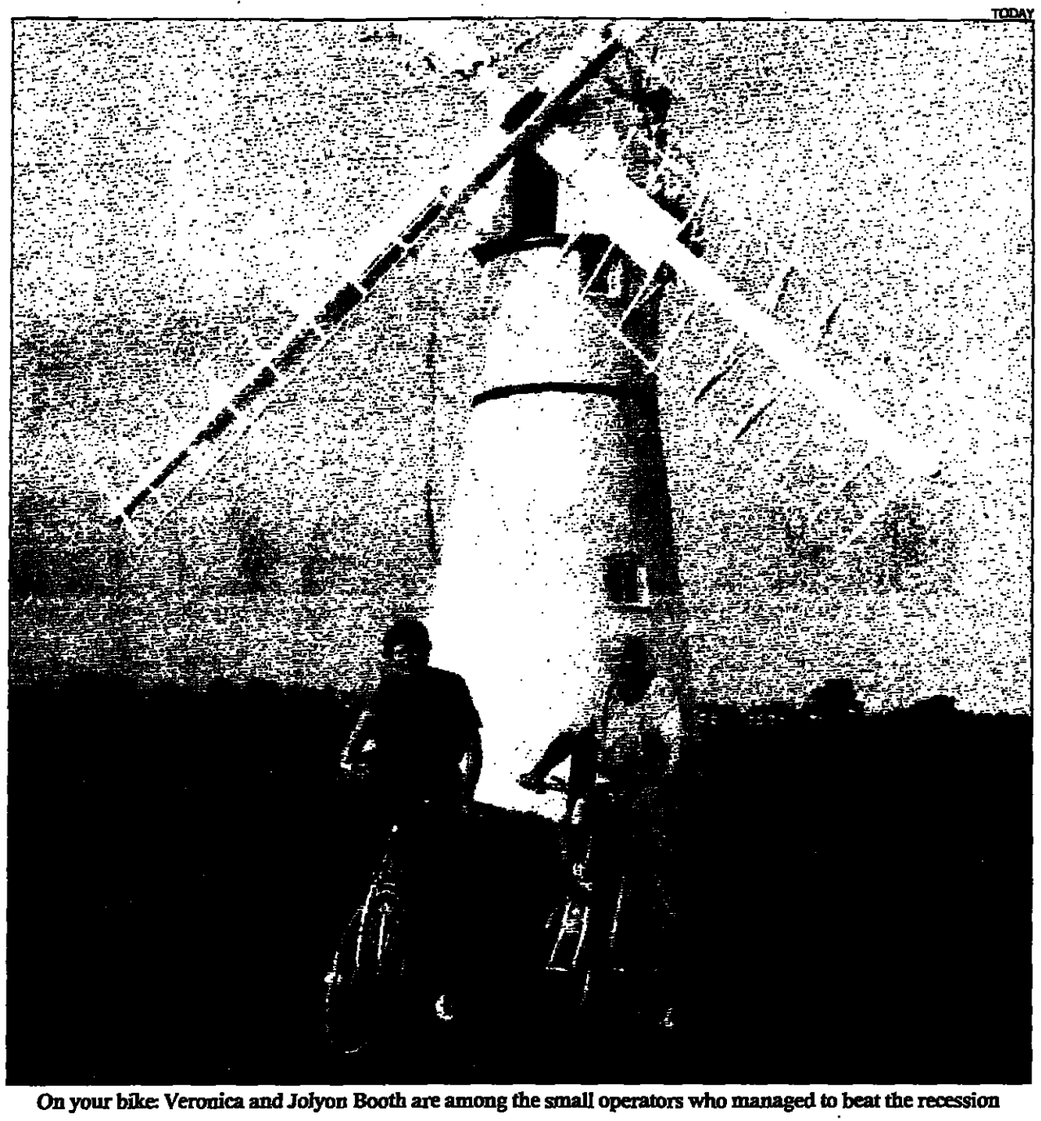
The 11 per cent discounts offered by the big High Street travel agency chains — Lunn Poly, Going Places and Thomas Cook — have led to a 35 per cent increase in bookings for summer holidays. The offers themselves, however, appear to have whetted appetites and tempted thousands of holidaymakers towards small rival companies where more unusual destinations and specialist holidays are available.

The Association of Independent Tour Operators (AITO) said that 112 out of 139 members of the association are "very positive" or "positive" about the future.

"The number of people who want to get into the tour operator business shows no sign of abating," said Mr Christopher Kirker. "We had 450 applications for membership last year but only accepted 10 per cent of them. It seems that people do harbour still a feeling of romance and excitement about the travel industry and want to become part of it.

"There are still opportunities and niche markets for people but they have to be somehow different, to offer an individual service and not try to compete with the big boys on price."

There are well over 30,000 companies or organisations acting as tour operators and travel organisers in Britain, he believes. Technically all should be subject to regulations designed to protect the consumer through bonds that protect clients against financial collapse and repatriate travellers trapped abroad. Thousands, however, are still operating illegally, either unwittingly or in the hope that they will not get caught.



On your bike: Veronica and Jolyon Booth are among the small operators who managed to beat the recession

"When the Department of Trade began drawing up plans to license tour operators, officials assumed there would be between 1,500 and 2,000," Mr Kirker said. "They stopped counting when they reached 30,000 and realised it was an impossible task to keep track of them all. Now they have left it to trading standards officers to monitor them."

AITO members have to be bonded and insured, prove that they have traded profitably over two consecutive years and produce a proper brochure.

Many of the small independent tour operators who are members of either AITO or Abta were, ironically, also able to cut their own costs when the big three cut theirs. As Thomson, Airtours and Owners Abroad used their massive marketing "clout" to obtain tens of thousands of low-price aircraft seats and cut-price hotel bedrooms, so the smaller operators were able to pick up their much smaller requirements at much the same rates.

"We usually try to find hotels which are not used by the big operators," Mr Kirker said. "After all, the kind of client who uses a small independent operator does not want to be in the same mass-marketing package as a Thomson client."

It is a philosphy which has clearly worked. Over the last three recessionary years AITO membership has virtually doubled, from 70 to 139. During that time only six went into receivership. At the same time Abta admitted almost 300 new members and just over 100 failed financially.

"It shows just how resilient the industry is," Mr Kirker said. "Everyone was terrified when the giant travel agencies began cutting their prices by 11 per cent but the public are very discerning and know that it is not just the headline price which matters. Often they were forced to take a particular insurance policy, which was many times more expensive than an independent broker might offer, so the price difference in the end came down to only a couple of percentage points."

Now that many of the most popular areas have almost sold out discounts are coming to an end. Even so, the average price of a two-week Mediterranean break is being held to around £375 this year, the same as in 1993.

"Customers who have not yet booked they may well be disappointed to find their first and second choice unavailable, particularly in the school holiday period," said Kevin Welch, commercial and marketing director of Going Places.

It is a message that delights the small companies: those people will now have to buy from them instead.

THREE WHO SURVIVED

Cycling to prosperity

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

TWO grandparents in their sixties who set up a small company specialising in cycling holidays have seen their business double over the last two years.

Windmill Ways (0603 871111) offers walking and cycling breaks in Norfolk.

The founders, Jolyon and Veronica Booth, both 62, set up the company after they retired.

Mrs Booth said: "It is difficult to estimate how hard we have been hit by the recession, because while we have done very well recently, we might have taken more bookings had there been no recession."

She believes most of her clients are returning to Norfolk for a second holiday: "We offer upmarket breaks and I do not think people book with us because they cannot afford a foreign holiday, but because they want to cycle around rather than stay in one spot in a self-catering cottage."

Mr Booth added: "In 1991-92, Windmill Ways' first year, we had 37 bookings, and last year that rose to 100, the equivalent of around 200 holidaymakers."

The Booths say a unique feature of Norfolk is its gently undulating roads and hundreds of medieval churches.

Mr Booth said: "We wanted to model our holidays on breaks we had found interesting — especially in France and Northumberland."

Windmill Ways also offers church tours with information packs, and issues individually tailored itineraries with maps to all customers.

Two companies set up in the depths of the recession are Ray and Annie Long's firm, which offers holidays to Southern Italy (0694 722193), and Africa Exclusive (0604 31628), which specialises in individual packages.

Mr and Mrs Long, both former teachers, set up Long Travel six years ago and have seen business increase tenfold.

They send couples and families to Apulia, Calabria and Sicily. These areas, they say, which still retain the flavour of "real" Italy.

Mrs Long said: "We have always operated in a recession and in many ways have found that being a small company is an advantage.

"When we first started we had just 12 properties and were aiming to cater for people who wanted a taste of Italy unspoilt by tourism.

"Our clients are professional people who like to travel independently and are not interested in the usual packages."

The Longs expect to arrange trips for 5,000 people this year, compared with 500 when they first started. An apartment in Casa di Rita, Apulia, which sleeps two people, costs £240 a week in the high season.

John Burdett, one of the directors of Africa Exclusive, believes the personal attention his small company offers has given it the edge on larger rivals during some tough years for the travel industry.

The company specialises in taking small groups to Tanzania, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Botswana, and South Africa.

Mr Burdett said: "We are keen to protect Africa from the kind of mass tourism that has destroyed other beautiful places. The temptation exists to turn it into some kind of wildlife theme park, with convoys of micro-buses packed with tourists ticking animals off a checklist."

He said: "Our clients tend to spend around £5,000 and up to £15,000 when booking with us and on the whole their budgets are recession-proof. Some itineraries can take months to organise, especially if people change their mind, but they are prepared to pay to enjoy individual attention.

"A large proportion are in their 50s and 60s and are fairly active. They want a real walking safari but they also want to have good accommodation and a decent meal at the end of the day." From small beginnings with a handful of clients, the company now takes around 840 people on safari every year.

Croatian hopes rise

DAVID CHURCHILL

YESTERDAY'S announcement that the Muslims and Croats have agreed to form a federation in Bosnia has dramatically raised hopes that peace may be within sight in the troubled region.

In preparation for a return to normality the leading representative of Britain's tour operators has just returned from the former Yugoslav Republic of Croatia, where he gave advice on how to win back British holidaymakers.

Martin Brackenbury, a Thomson senior executive and president of the International Federation of Tour Operators, told Croatian tourism officials that they will need to revise their thinking about attracting tourists to the country that was once one of the top six European destinations for British holidaymakers.

"The international market has changed over the past few years and the Croatians will have to change with it," he said. "Holidaymakers now want more self-catering facilities."

He also told them that many Croatian hotels are too heavy-looking and formal. "Modern tourists prefer a more informal, brighter setting," said Mr Brackenbury.

Croatia filled only about a quarter of its tourist capacity last year, mainly with Eastern Europeans looking for a cheap holiday. The British and Germans have virtually disappeared since fighting began in the region, even though Croatia is now at peace.

Young would-be agents flood the market

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

MORE THAN 1,000 young business travel agents will be looking for jobs in corporate management this year after graduating from new training schemes. In response to demands from companies requiring faster service from increasingly complex technology, the Guild of Business Travel Agents has established a Certificate of Business Travel.

Students study administration, finance and office accounts, and can opt to take on a higher management level, from which they will graduate this time next year. The guild also plans to introduce a master of business administration level.

Mike Riddle, the guild's training officer, says the scheme was set up after agencies organising corporate travel complained of a dearth of young skilled people. He said: "Companies now have to tender for accounts, so they are looking for the very best players for their team. Clients today expect far more from their agencies."

However, a recent study has said that up to 700 students on new tourism-degree courses could fail to find jobs within the travel industry because of the recession. The Tourism Society, an industry think tank, says that despite a huge increase in the number of universities offering courses over the past seven years, only 50 per cent of all tourism graduates and postgraduates find related employment.

Some in the industry say that too many courses were created in the boom years when jobs were plentiful, and top posts are still given to marketing managers with wide commercial experience, rather than to people trained specifically in tourism.

Yet the number of courses across the country is expected to rise to 23 over the next 12 months as the annual intake approaches 1,500, compared with only two courses seven years ago. Postgraduate courses are forecast to rise to 17, with up to 350 students.

The Association of British Travel Agents (Abta) believes that college courses are better suited to people wanting to work for councils or local tourist boards than for big tour operators or travel agents. Keith Betton, an Abta spokesman, says: "Top jobs in the industry are still being given to managers with commercial or marketing skills, rather than those with a background in the industry."

For example, Francis Baron, the group chief executive of Owners Abroad, the company which controls Falcon, Sunmed, Martin, and Cosmos, was previously employed by a satellite TV company. Other senior jobs at large companies such as British Airways and Thomson Holidays are still held by people with wider commercial or marketing skills, rather than long service in tourism.

Mr Betton says supply is still higher than demand. He thinks there are not enough jobs for graduates in an industry that employs a total of 1.5 million people.

The undergraduate courses, which particularly attract female students, last three years and include work experience.

Claire Hanna, 24, a postgraduate who began an MSC in tourism management at Surrey University in October, says: "With fewer jobs around, some students are becoming holiday reps rather than managers."

And don't forget those taxi fares

TAKING a taxi back to a hotel or chalet after an evening's après-ski is three times more expensive in Switzerland than in neighbouring Italy, *Harvey Elliott writes.*

The variation in the price of a range of essential extras can add alarming amounts to a European ski package, according to American Express travel.

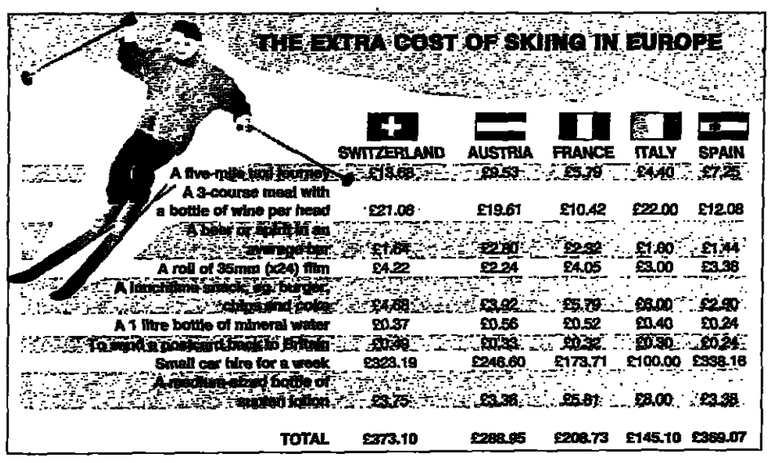
A five-mile taxi journey in Switzerland costs £13.68, for example, while a similar trip in Italy would cost less than a third — only £4.40.

Not that Italy has a monopoly of low prices. A three-course meal with a bottle of wine will cost £22 on average, compared with only £10.42 in France. Even so, on the list of nine separate items Italy works out easily the cheapest overall at a sum total of £145.10, well under half the cost of extras in Switzerland at £373.10 and Spain at £369.07.

Much of the difference is accounted for by the very low cost of hiring a small car in Italy — £100 for a week compared with £338.16 in Spain.

The cost of a car hire for a week throughout Europe almost matches the entire cost of a ski package deal, including air fares and accommodation.

According to the leading operators Thomson, a week costs an average of £435 in Switzerland, £395 in Austria, £350 in France, £325 in Spain and £300 in Italy.



Battle of Hong Kong is on

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

VIRGIN Atlantic's arrival on the London-Hong Kong route has prompted a flurry of promotions from rivals designed to win the loyalty of business travellers.

Virgin and British Airways have pitched their Upper Class and Club Class fares at the same price of £1,906, while the other main flag-carrier, Cathay Pacific, is £2 more expensive at £1,908.

Virgin says its product offers superior service and the best value for money; Cathay Pacific is offering double Air Miles to passengers; and British Airways is trying to woo top executives by extending its popular First Class Sleeper Service, which costs £3,454 and until now was available only on flights under nine hours, to the 13-hour Hong Kong route.

BA hopes to tap in to the Hong Kong Chinese business traveller market and is building a new lounge in partnership with Qantas in Hong Kong. The airline has also introduced Mandarin and Cantonese soundtracks for in-flight films.

At this time of the year Cathay charges £743 for its cheapest economy return fare from Heathrow, and has a daily service from Manchester, flying ten times a week from London. Virgin and BA's cheapest economy fare is £621.

In November Cathay Pacific urged Virgin chairman Richard Branson not to start a price war on the lucrative route, warning against "suicidal competition". Cathay and the other main flag-carrier, British Airways, fear competition could bite into their profits.



Hong Kong, heart of a growing Chinese market

What price national heritage?

TOUR operators have complained to Iain Sproat, the National Heritage Minister, about rises in entrance fees for historic tourist attractions, *Marianne Curphey writes.*

They want him to launch an investigation into whether recent increases in ticket prices are justified.

Their concerns follow the news that an adult ticket to visit the Tower of London will now cost £7.95, an increase of £1.25 on last year.

Stuart Crouch, chairman of the British Incoming Tour Operators Association, said he was seeking assurances that any price increases at national attractions reflected investment in the venues.

Tour operators estimate that the price rises will add 20 per cent to the cost of entrance fees in a package holiday.

Mr Crouch also wants the Government to invest the funds raised through the airport departure tax, to be introduced in October, in Britain's heritage sites.

A spokesman for the Department of National Heritage said the government subsidised the upkeep of buildings but it was the responsibility of the Historic Royal Palaces agency to set charges.

He added: "Money raised from the departure tax goes into one central pot and departments bid for their share."

Mr Crouch in particular criticised the new price at Windsor Castle, where visitors now have to pay an £8 entrance fee. Previously they were allowed to wander the gardens free of charge.

Historic Royal Palaces defended the rises, saying prices had lagged behind those of commercial competitors.

A spokesman said: "When we review our prices every year we take into account key economic indicators, such as disposable income, competitor pricing, projected visitor numbers and planned improvements, and we believe our prices are set at a fair market rate."

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NEWS

Clarke tells executives to curb pay

■ Kenneth Clarke delivers his toughest warning yet to boardroom executives to curb their pay amid stirrings of concern in the Treasury about inflation and fears of higher international interest rates.

The Chancellor is speaking out as a MORI poll in *The Times* shows that public optimism over the economy has slumped to its lowest level for a year at a time when John Major is pinning his hopes for political recovery on a brightening economic outlook ..... Page 1

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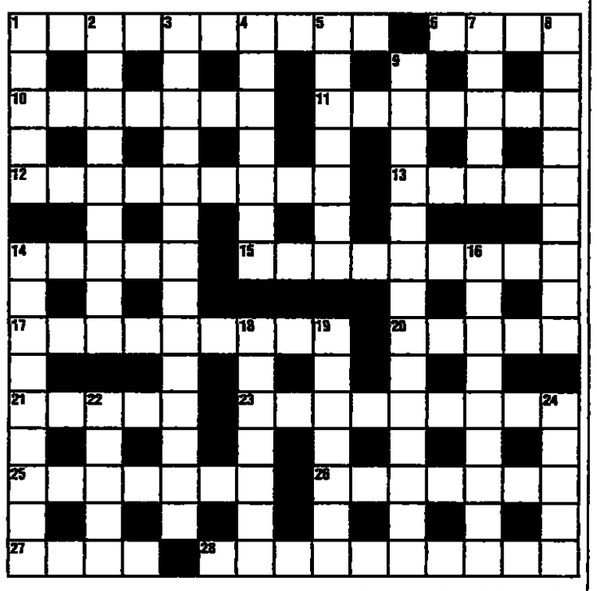
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Guernsey 13C (55F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland 1C (34F); highest rainfall: Aberdeen, 1.28in; highest sunshine: Poole, Dorset, 5 0hr

FORECAST

☐ **General situation:** Southeast England and East Anglia will start dry, but the rest of England and Wales will be cloudier with showers. These will be heavy at times and will spread to East Anglia and the South East during the morning. The showers will die out in the afternoon and most places will have some sunshine. Showers will affect Northern Ireland, western and northern Scotland through the day, with sleet in the north and snow on the hills. Eastern Scotland will be drier and brighter. Winds fresh to strong westerly.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, E Midlands, E England:** dry start then showery. Wind fresh west. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **Cent S England, W Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales, N Wales, Cent N:** showers then drier, sunny spells. Wind fresh west. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland:** showers and bright spells. Wind fresh west. Max 8C (46F).

☐ **N E England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth:** sunny spells, isolated showers. Wind fresh west. Max 8C (46F).

☐ **Cent Highlands, NE Scotland, NW Scotland:** showers, sleet in places and snow on hills. Wind strong west. Max 6C (43F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** showers. Wind southwest. Max 6C (43F).

☐ **Outlook:** rain on Friday and at first on Saturday, but becoming brighter and more showery. Windy.

AROUND BRITAIN

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

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Anglesey	3.6	-	9	48	b	London	0.6	0.01	8	46	c
Ayr	1.0	0.01	5	41	c	Lowestoft	0.5	0.02	9	48	c
Aviemore	0.5	0.30	5	41	c	Manchester	-	0.01	6	43	r
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Exmouth	3.2	-	9	48	b	Scilly Isles	0.4	-	10	50	c
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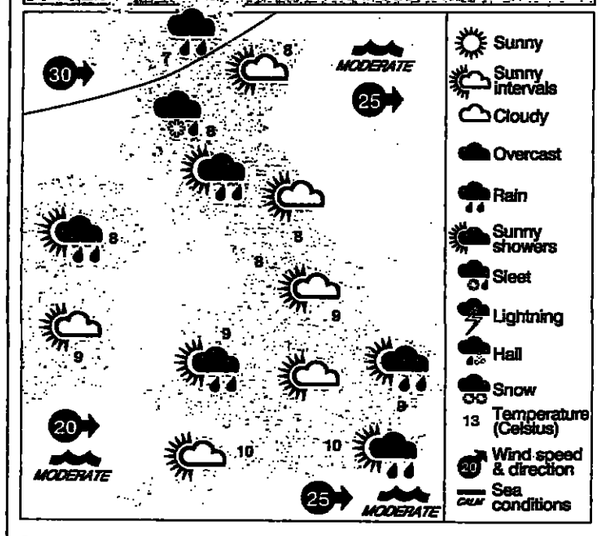
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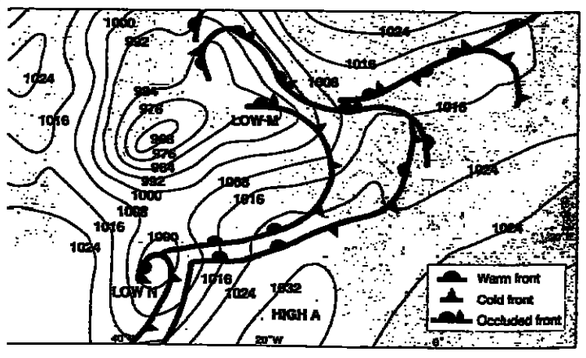
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Sing'por	32	90	f
Stkholm	-5	23	s
Strasb'rg	9	48	r
Sydney	23	73	c
Tangier	18	64	f
Tel Aviv	19	66	s
Tenerife	19	66	f
Toronto	-2	28	c
Tunis	17	63	f
Valencia	18	64	s
Vanc'ver	11	52	c
Venice	12	54	c
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NOON TODAY



Changes to the chart below from noon: Low M will move eastwards and fill, Low N will move quickly northeastwards and deepen, High A will be slow-moving



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.11	7.17	5.40	6.81	Liverpool	2.30	9.22	2.53	9.11
Aberdeen	4.48	4.05	5.11	4.17	Lowestoft	12.33	2.62	1.05	2.26
Avonmouth	11.42	12.77	11.03	12.13	Margate	3.13	4.82	3.48	4.47
Belfast	2.21	3.23	4.54	3.41	Milford Haven	9.49	6.72	10.12	6.41
Cardiff	10.27	11.82	10.48	11.26	Newquay	8.44	6.7	9.08	6.4
Devonport	9.25	5.2	9.45	5.1	Oban	8.59	3.6	9.28	3.4
Dover	2.18	6.68	2.42	6.31	Penzance	8.34	5.3	8.58	5.2
Falmouth	8.55	5.0	9.15	4.19	Portland	10.12	1.9	10.36	1.7
Glasgow	4.07	4.7	4.23	4.9	Portsmouth	2.39	4.7	3.05	4.5
Harwich	3.09	4.05	3.36	3.77	Shoreham	2.24	6.24	2.47	5.91
Holyhead	1.34	5.40	1.59	5.38	Southampton	2.09	4.58	2.33	4.37
Hull	9.46	7.24	10.07	7.30	Swansea	9.51	9.12	10.18	8.75
Ilfracombe	9.32	8.88	9.54	8.47	Tees	7.17	5.12	9.39	5.13
King's Lynn	8.50	6.2	10.11	6.4	W'ton-on-Nze	3.01	4.28	3.29	3.96
Leith	8.08	5.33	8.33	5.36					

HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 6.42 am
Sun sets: 5.44 pm
Moon sets 8.04 am
Moon rises 12.08am

London 5.44 pm to 6.42 am
Bristol 5.54 pm to 6.52 am
Edinburgh 5.51 pm to 7.00 am
Manchester 5.50 pm to 6.53 am
Penzance 6.07 pm to 7.02 am

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Bonds go into tailspin on interest fears

BY MICHAEL CLARK, PHILIP ROBINSON AND COLIN NARBROUGH

■ **In a volatile day on the markets, options and futures traders were asked to increase their security. Rumours of huge losses hung over America's seventh-largest bank**

BOND prices across Europe fell sharply again as investors were gripped by fear that world interest rates were set to rise. In a day of drama on the markets, The London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange (Liffe) reported record turnover and the London Clearing House, which settles deals in the derivatives markets, called for increased deposits from its members.

In London, gilts tumbled more than £2 at one stage, dragging share prices lower on the back of Germany's latest economic news. This showed a surge in the money supply and prompted fears that today's Bundesbank meeting would signal a rise in interest rates.

Share prices in London also plunged after a sell-off of the financial future. Within minutes of the German money supply figures being announced, the FT-SE 100 index had fallen almost 75 points. But traders recovered their poise. Prices closed off the bottom, encouraged by a rally on Wall Street. The FT-SE 100 index ended 22.5 points down at 3,248.1.

Selling pressure spilled over into derivatives, which experienced record trading volumes. Liffe saw a record 1.56 billion futures and options contracts traded, worth an estimated £302 billion. That represents a rise of 12 per cent on the previous daily record of 1.38 billion contracts.

Because of the falls, the London Clearing House called for trading firms to increase the margin on long positions by £469 million. The LCH, which is at risk if a member defaults, collects a deposit, known as the margin, from all members on open positions.

The LCH's move coincided with rumours on Wall Street that Bankers Trust, America's seventh-largest bank, with assets of $72 billion, had incurred heavy losses in derivative and proprietary trading. Such trading mimics the activities of the controversial hedge funds, now the subject of central bank enquiries around the world.

As a result, shares of Bankers Trust were suspended for almost two hours and fell $3, to $77, when trading resumed. The company issued a statement assuring the market that its operations had been profitable, so far, this year. Last year, Bankers Trust made a $1.07 billion net profit.

The volatile trading conditions generated by Bankers Trust, together with events in Europe, forced the New York Stock Exchange to impose restrictions, known as the collar, which choke off computer-related trading. This enabled the Dow Jones industrial average to reduce an earlier 50-point deficit.

George Soros, the financier, said it would be legitimate for central banks to consider regulating giant "hedge funds" such as his own, which wield enormous power on world financial markets. "I feel that there is an innate instability in unregulated markets," he said.

The Bank of England and the US Federal Reserve plan to take a closer look at banks' exposure to the funds, which take highly leveraged multi-billion-dollar positions in financial markets, following the funds' recent heavy losses.

Last night, the June series of the FT-SE 100 index was trading seven points above its previous close, having touched a low for the day of 3,170. Brokers expect share prices to open higher when trading resumes this morning.

Europe's bond markets bore the brunt of the sell-off. Trading on the French Matif had to be temporarily suspended after prices breached their trading limits and a cooling-off period was ordered.

The June series of the gilt touched £108$^{7}/_{32}$ in London before recovering to close a tick better on the day at £110$^{31}/_{32}$. The Spanish bond market also took a pounding and was left nursing falls of as much as 4 per cent.

The German Bund touched an intra-trading low of Dm93.75 before rallying strongly, to close only half a pfennig lower, at DM 96.65.

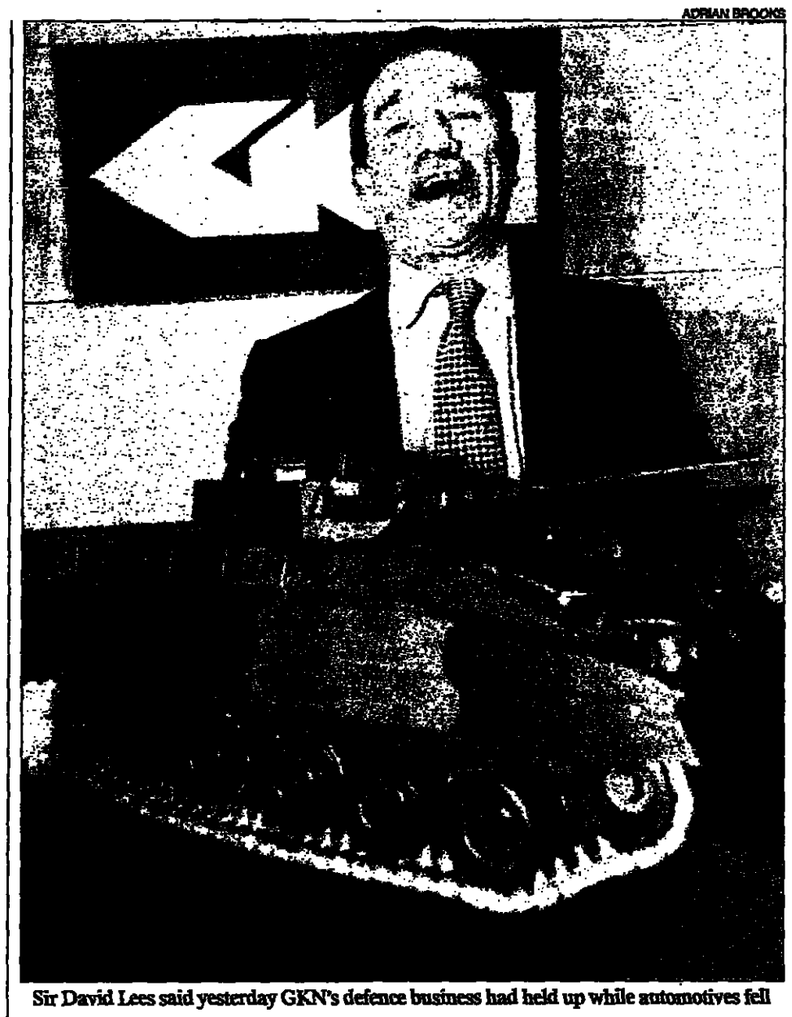
☐ The Treasury's latest monetary report says the economy remains on an uptrend and business surveys point to falling inflation expectations, despite the financial markets' inflation fears.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, held their regular monthly meeting on monetary policy yesterday morning. City analysts believe the two men agree that more guidance on the state of the economy is needed before base rates can be lowered again.

☐ The Bank of England's official reserves fell by an underlying $26 million last month, instead rising by $100 million as City forecasters had expected after January's $205 million rise.

☐ Leaders of the Confederation of British Industry endorsed the Treasury's view that recovery was broadly on course, maintaining that the economic signs were now "quite positive".

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Sir David Lees said yesterday GKN's defence business had held up while automotives fell

European car slump puts brakes on GKN

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE severe depression in the continental European car industry has sent the fortunes of GKN, Britain's biggest automotive engineer, into a sharp reverse, with pre-tax profits in the year to December 31 sliding to £97.5 million (£122 million).

However, Sir David Lees, the chairman, whose group is locked in a hostile £496 million offer for Westland, the helicopter manufacturer, has held out the prospect of some limited recovery this year.

Car production on the Continent fell by 20 per cent in 1993, and GKN's European operating profits, nearly all of them tied to the automotive industry, slumped from £67 million to £38 million. But GKN is looking for a 4 per cent rise in production this year, most of it coming in the second half.

The group is holding its final dividend payment at 12.5p and the total at 20.5p, although with earnings per share at 18.7p before exceptional items some will have to come out of reserves.

Part of the downturn last year came from a £7 million rise in redundancy costs. The automotive side saw operating profits slide by £19 million to £76 million, while industrial services and distribution, which includes GKN's defence activities, were unchanged at £31 million.

Sir David said the final quarter of 1993 had finished on a slightly stronger note than the group had thought likely earlier in the year. But continental European automotive markets remained weak and there was no real sign of an improvement. Meanwhile, the outlook for most group companies in Britain and North America was continuing to improve.

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Heseltine holds key to MGN victory

BY MARTIN WALLER

THE consortium bidding for *The Independent* and its Sunday sister paper is within a whisker of success after buying further shares on the stock market last night once an increased cash offer had gained the blessing of the paper's board of directors.

The only problem now for the bidders, who are spearheaded by Mirror Group Newspapers and who now speak for more than half of their target, is the possibility of a Monopolies Commission reference. Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, is expected to decide next week on whether the bid should go to the MMC.

The bidders claim that the paper's parlous finances mean a reference, which would normally be automatic, should be waived. The consortium, which also includes the Spanish and Italian shareholders in Newspaper Publishing, publisher of *The Independent* and the *Independent on Sunday*, gained the independent directors' support after adding a 355p cash alternative to their cash-and-shares bid.

The bidders started with a stake of 47 per cent between them, but approaches in the market at 355p to institutional shareholders of Newspaper Publishing, as permitted by the City Takeover Code, gained another 9 per cent. The bid cannot be declared unconditional until the decision over an MMC reference is taken, however, and if the offer is referred it will lapse.

A complicating factor for the consortium remains the presence on Newspaper Publishing's share register, with a stake of almost 30 per cent, of Tony O'Reilly, the Irish businessman.

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Redrow chief turns £5,000 into £100m

BY PHILIP PANGALOS



Morgan: took the tube home

STEVE Morgan, founder of Redrow Group, is set to receive £100 million and still retain a majority stake in Britain's biggest privately owned housebuilder when it is floated on the stock market this spring.

Mr Morgan, who started the business in 1974, aged 21, with a £5,000 loan from his father, is likely to see his personal shareholding reduced from 98 per cent to just above 50 per cent as a result of the proposed flotation. Mr Morgan, Redrow's chairman and chief executive, will be worth an estimated £275 million when the company is floated.

Redrow's proposed listing, likely to take place in late April or early May, will capitalise the group at about £350 million including new money.

The company will join the market through a placing aimed at institutions and an offer for sale for private investors. The float will realise about £150 million, including about £50 million of new money. The new money will be used to eliminate borrowings and buy further land for housebuilding. Barclays de Zoete Wedd will be sponsor to the issue, with Cazenove broker.

"I enjoy a nice lifestyle. At least I have done in more recent times, and I drive a nice car. I intend to maintain my [50 per cent] shareholding," Mr Morgan said. He will stay at the helm of the business that he built with his own hands.

Redrow has been transformed since its early days as a small civil engineer in North Wales and Cheshire. By the early 1980s, it was doing general contracting, and a downturn in contracting in 1982 led it to enter the homes market. The timing of strategic moves proved most favourable. The company sold most of its South-East house building interests in early 1988, at what proved to be the peak of the house boom, returning last summer, when the market had bottomed out. Redrow now builds homes in the mid-market range in seven regions of England and Wales after organic growth and the acquisition of Whelmar Homes from Christian Salvesen in 1987 and of Costain Homes last year.

Redrow yesterday unveiled a 68 per cent rise in operating profits, to £11.9 million, in the half year to December 31, on turnover 61 per cent up, at £103.6 million. Pre-tax profit was £12.3 million (£6.8 million), aided by a £1 million surplus from selling a stake in Bellwinch.

Legal completions rose by 82 per cent, to 1,153, and the land bank, with planning consent, increased to 6,700 plots. Redrow expects to attain 2,000 legal completions by year-end.

Mr Morgan said: "I am confident that we shall see a steady improvement in the housing market over the next few years as the general economy continues to improve."

In spite of his £100 million harvest, Mr Morgan is not heading for some tropical paradise. Indeed, he went home on the Tube last night.

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Agents give advance warning on latest year of account

Names face fresh losses of £2bn

BY SARAH BAGNALL
INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Lloyd's of London insurance market is forming a consensus view that names will be hit by losses of £2 billion this May, adding weight to last month's forecast from Chatset, the independent Lloyd's analyst.

Names are being sent letters by their members' agents, the people who manage their affairs, detailing the likely result for the 1991 underwriting year.

On Monday, Sedgwick, one of the largest Lloyd's agencies, wrote to its names warning them that its estimates for losses had risen in the past two months and that it expected most of its names to suffer losses of between 8 per cent and 13 per cent.

On a market-wide basis, this equates to "pure year" losses of up to £1.5 billion, compared with the market's total capacity of £11.38 billion. On top of these come further losses for open years; liabilities for these have not been reinsured because they are unquantifiable. Sedgwick warns its names that these losses could match the percentage range forecast for the 1991 year of account, namely 8 to 13 per cent.

Philip Maidens, a syndicate analyst at Oakwood Underwriting Agency, is expecting a pure year loss on the 1991 account of £1.5 billion — but gave warning that it could be higher.

He said deterioration of old open years, along with the need to bolster reserves because of a change in Department of Trade and Industry requirements, is expected to add a further £500 million, taking the total to £2 billion. Anton Members' Agency is also expecting losses near the £2 billion mark.

The amount names will be asked to pay immediately is uncertain. Last year, the managing agents made cash calls for the funds needed to see them through a year; as a result, names were asked to stump up only 57 per cent of 1990's record loss of £2.915 billion.

Demands for the remaining £1.25 billion were deferred. How much of this year's losses, along with last year's uncalled debts, will be needed this summer is not yet known.

In an attempt to take the sting out of the losses, Lloyd's is trying to calculate what proportion of losses is counted twice. This happens because different syndicates reserve for the same liabilities, such as errors and omissions insurance, stop-loss insurance and estate protection plans. A team of chartered accountants is currently trying to determine the extent of this.

☐ Talks of reaching an out-of-court settlement in the legal case being brought by names on Pulbrook syndicate 334 have foundered.

The case, the first Lloyd's legal action to reach court, started last week and involves 366 loss-making names who are trying to recover losses of £44 million made on policies written in 1985.

They are suing the Pulbrook Underwriting Agency and 11 members' agents who were responsible for placing names on the loss-making syndicate.

Efforts to reach an out-of-court settlement have been made but are understood to have collapsed because of the marked divide between the figures proposed by the two parties.

The Pulbook names were offered £2.5 million under the rejected Lloyd's global settlement offer. However, there are believed to be hopes that the talks may be resumed later in the case, which is due to finish at the end of next week.

Electricity supply earns 17% return

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

ELECTRICITY supply companies' profitability is more than twice that of generating companies, despite the low risks attached to their business, according to an analysis by the Centre for the Study of Regulated Industries (CRI).

The findings increase the likelihood that price controls will be tightened in the current review by Offer, the electricity regulator.

Current-cost rates of return from electricity distribution reached 8.8 per cent in the year to March 1993, the study shows. By contrast, the industry earned a 4.7 per cent return from its transmission activities and just 3.4 per cent from generation. Supply, which employs few assets but exhibits a high level of volatility, earned an average return of 17.3 per cent. CRI, part of the Chartered Institute for Public Finance and Accountancy, found that current-cost operating profits in the distribution businesses of the 12 regional power companies had increased by 62.6 per cent since their privatisation in November 1990 to a total of £1.2 billion.

Collectively, the electricity companies had a turnover of £30 billion and accounted for 2 per cent of Britain's GDP. The number of employees in the industry fell by 8.3 per cent during the year, to 129,200.

☐ John Harris, chairman of East Midlands Electricity, is taking early retirement. He will be succeeded on May 1 by Nigel Rudd, chairman of Williams Holdings and a non-executive director of East Midlands for more than four years.

Euro Disney banks stall



The Paris pleasure park has 21 billion francs of debt

FROM REUTER
IN PARIS

AS BANKERS prepare for a meeting tomorrow on the Euro Disney audit, some are saying it is too early to agree on the park's cash needs or on refinancing plans.

Some said Euro Disney needed about 12 billion francs to help it to deal with its 21 billion francs of debt.

One bank official said Walt Disney would be pressed to make the biggest sacrifice. "It is, after all, a 100 per cent Disney project," he said. "Their initial financial involvement was not as big as the banks' and they have already got back a large part of what they put in."

The Paris meeting will enable banks to present their ideas on debt restructuring measures based on the audit by KPMG Peat Marwick. "There are many possible solutions," the banker said. "Talks are only just beginning." No debt restructuring package had been proposed. "We have mainly evaluated the situation and presented our ideas."

He said bankers were not yet ready to give the steering committee of nine banks leading debt talks with Walt Disney, Euro Disney's parent company, a mandate to discuss a deal. "We need to approve a proposal before giving them a mandate," said another banker.

Once bank officials had reached agreement on roughly how much money was needed and how it could be raised, they would have to go back to their banks.

Bankers are considering lowering the interest rates on money lent to Euro Disney and accepting deferred payments. A capital increase is also being considered but does not necessarily mean banks have agreed to become shareholders.

Insolvency laws 'fail to help firms in trouble'

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S insolvency laws fall short of the needs of business and remain subject to abuse and fraud, according to a discussion document to be published today by the British Chambers of Commerce.

Reforms in the 1986 Insolvency Act have failed to ensure the survival of many potentially viable firms that get into difficulties, while rogue directors continue to escape justice, the BCC says. A tough stance by priority creditors, such as Customs and Excise, is blamed by the BCC for pushing many firms into liquidation.

Richard Brown, the BCC's deputy director-general, said: "Potentially viable firms in difficulty are not surviving. If Britain's small firms are to grow, there must be a change of culture by all parties to reduce the damaging haemorrhage of commercial and industrial capacity."

In addition to an appeal for more flexibility on the part of creditors, the BCC report also calls for firmer action against those who abuse the system.

BCC, which represents 200,000 businesses nationwide, calls for a crackdown on the use of "phoenix" companies set up by directors to acquire assets of failing businesses at knockdown prices. And it asks for more prosecutions of insolvent directors who have been proved to have acted fraudulently.

Measures are needed to streamline the process of administration for troubled companies, and firms should be encouraged to monitor their financial health more effectively, the report concludes.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Vosper confirms talks over Swan takeover

VOSPER Thornycroft has confirmed the start of takeover talks that could save Swan Hunter Shipbuilders, which has been in receivership for almost ten months. Martin Jay, managing director of Vosper, said the Southampton company was having exploratory but tentative discussions with Swan's receivers. It is believed the talks stem from Vosper's concern over Cherbourg Mecaniques de Normandie, its French rival, emerging as front-runner to buy the Tyne company — the last major shipbuilding yard on Britain's east coast.

Vosper is one of the UK's healthier yards with a £600 million order book, 90 per cent of it for export. Swan Hunter has been in financial difficulty since it failed to win a helicopter carrier contract from the Ministry of Defence. Since then more than 1,400 employees have lost their jobs and the 1,000 left have prospects measured only in months as the yard's remaining frigate-building work is due to run out by the end of the year.

C&W phone link offer

TELECOM Eireann, Ireland's state-owned telephone company, said that Cable and Wireless wants to enter into an alliance. Sources at Telecom said C&W wishes to take an equity stake. It had previously been reported that it would offer Irf400 million (£385 million) for a 25 per cent stake in the Irish company which, although profitable, has huge debts and is in urgent need of recapitalisation. Last night's statement said that the proposal from Cable and Wireless for a strategic alliance to be formed between the companies "was being considered by the company."

Yorkshire society rises

YORKSHIRE Building Society pre-tax profits rose 20 per cent to £66.8 million in 1993, helped by a fall in bad debt provisions from £22.8 million to £18.3 million. Non-interest income from insurance commissions and other fees also rose, from £27.3 million to £33.8 million. Yorkshire is one of only two major building societies (the other is Bradford & Bingley) that is an independent financial adviser rather than being an insurance company tied agent. Income from interest on mortgages and other loans fell in a slow housing market from £469 million to £389 million.

Texas deal for Hanson

HANSON'S American arm, Hanson Industries, has sold its 50 per cent partnership in North Texas Cement and 15 ready-mix concrete plants in the Dallas-Fort Worth area for $54 million in cash. The assets sold were bought by Hanson as part of its acquisition of Beazer in 1991. In the year to September 1993, they made operating income of about $3 million on sales of $51 million. Net book value was about $45 million at the end of 1993. The stake in North Texas Cement was sold to affiliates of Ash Grove Cement, of Kansas, with the 15 plants going to Pioneer Concrete, of Texas.

Resort sells four hotels

RESORT Hotels, due next week to unveil its long-delayed accounts for the year to April 30, 1993, announced the £7.28 million sale of four hotels in the South East to Cairn Hotels. The sale is to cut group indebtedness, and will leave Resort with a network of 46 hotels. Roland Lewis, Resort's acting managing director, said the company wanted to maximise immediate profitability and this necessitated pruning of its hotel network in areas where the group was densely represented. Sources close to Resort say the delayed report and accounts should go out to shareholders on March 8.

Stat-Plus lifts payout

STAT-PLUS, the legal stationery supplier, has increased its total dividend 10 per cent to 8.8p via a 4.8p final payment in spite of a slight dip in pre-tax profits in a static legal market. The group said that there was little evidence of a sustained recovery in conveyancing volumes in spite of lower interest rates and stabilising house prices. Stat-Plus made pre-tax profits of £3.4 million in 1993, down from £3.6 million. Earnings per share dipped to 10.7p, from 11.3p. At year-end, the company had cash deposits of £14.2 million.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTERIM RESULTS

	Half year to 31 December 1993 £000	Half year to 31 December 1992 £000
Turnover		
Continuing activities	62,360	59,052
Acquisitions	–	725
	62,360	59,777
Costs and overheads		
Continuing activities	(60,570)	(56,976)
Acquisitions	–	(357)
	(60,570)	(57,333)
Operating profit		
Continuing activities	1,790	2,076
Acquisitions	–	368
	1,790	2,444
Share of profits/(losses) of related companies	533	(476)
Net interest payable and similar charges	(1,117)	(982)
Profit before taxation	1,206	986
Taxation	(543)	(439)
Profit for the period	663	547
Dividends	(327)	(271)
Retained profit for the period	336	276
Earnings per ordinary share	1.8p	1.5p

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

	£000	£000
Retained profit for the period	336	276
Currency translation differences	(128)	(22)
Total recognised gains	208	254

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Peter Wolff
Chairman

The summarised results for the half year to 31 December 1993, which are unaudited, have been prepared in accordance with accounting policies adopted in the accounts for the year to 30 June 1993. There is no material difference between the results shown above and the historical cost results for the period.

CBI hears partnership proposal by Labour

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITISH business was yesterday explicitly offered a "partnership in power" under a future Labour government in a clear attempt by Labour to cement a new, positive relationship with industry.

Leaders of the Confederation of British Industry heard Robin Cook, the shadow Industry Secretary, deliver Labour's latest attempt to build a new relationship with business after the successful address by John Smith, Labour's leader, to last year's CBI conference.

Although the CBI has recently been highly critical of some Labour economic and business policies, especially on tax, Mr Cook, addressing the CBI's governing council in London, avoided difficult areas for business, such as Labour's support for European social policies, and both the CBI and Mr Cook's advisers judged the visit a success.

Discussing Labour policy on economic volatility, investment, small businesses and attitudes to manufacturing, Mr Cook hoped these were priorities of business, too.

Mr Cook said he hoped industry was "discovering that the new Labour party is made up of people you can do business with", and that it would "engage in a dialogue with us in Opposition to help shape our policies, and that this dialogue will form the basis of a partnership when we are in power".

CBI leaders believe that views put to Mr Cook are likely to modify Labour proposals to increase Corporation Tax yield. Sir Michael Angus, CBI President, described Labour's attitude to business as "responsible".

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- Shareholders' funds increased to £65.1m
- Land bank increased to 6700 plots

	31 December 1993 (6 months) £m	31 December 1992 (6 months) £m	Increase
Turnover	103.6	64.3	61%
Profit from operations	11.9	7.1	68%
Profit on sale of investments	1.0	–	
Interest payable (net)	(0.6)	(0.3)	
Profit before tax	12.3	6.8	81%
Corporation tax	(0.9)	(2.3)	
Profit after tax	11.4	4.5	

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☐ Another bad year for names ☐ Massive indemnity at Queens Moat ☐ Will Heseltine waive the rules?

Lloyd's chat sets £2bn losses

☐ IN WAR, generals plan grand new strategies while their troops slosh around in rat-infested trenches. The battleground that is Lloyd's of London is no different. Its generals have for months been painting a rosy picture of its future. But while they forge ahead with the insiders' new corporate capital allies, the story from the front-line is very different.

The insurance market's traditional names are currently hearing what their losses for the 1991 underwriting year are likely to be. The consensus is that these will amount to £2 billion, which is double the £1 billion Lloyd's predicted last April and hardly the "marked improvement" on the 1989 loss that was forecast in 1992 by David Coleridge, then Lloyd's chairman.

After the 1989 loss of £2.06 billion, many names sat tight hoping that their losses would quickly be replaced by profits. Mr Coleridge himself argued, when the 1989 loss was announced, that "the underwriting year of 1989 should prove to be the nadir of a particularly traumatic period with prospects for a marked improvement in 1990 and onwards". Instead, the £2.06 billion 1989 loss was followed by almost £3 billion for 1990.

The general message in letters being received by names is that they will not be hearing of profits for some years yet. Chatset, the independent Lloyd's analyst, was the first to raise the spectre of £2 billion more of 1991 losses that members' agents are now confirming. The figure was much derided at the time from the direction of No 1 Lime Street. The announced figure could, however, be less as Lloyd's is beavering away with the help of a firm of chartered accountants to try to strip out the effect of double counting, which last year alone was estimated at £600 million.

Whatever the effect of double counting, the picture is bleak. Despite likely attempts by Lloyd's to mitigate the impact on names, this summer will be characterised by hefty cash demands on them, made worse by last year's move to limit cash demands to about half the 1989 losses, which only put off the inevitable.

Most of the previous years' called-up losses have been paid by names. This year's losses will be more widely spread across the membership but the "can't pay" and "won't pay" fraternities are still set to grow. This will put further strain on the Lloyd's central fund — which covers unpaid losses — and raises the spectre of a further levy on names to bolster its solvency. That embarrassing past will simply not go away and sooner or later Lloyd's will have to make a bigger effort to dig its traditional names out of the hole it helped put them in.

Coppel's QMH safety net

☐ SPECULATION has it that the freshly scrubbed directors of Queens Moat Houses, led by Stanley Metcalfe (ex Ranks Hovis McDougall) and Andrew Coppel (ex Sale Tilney, now deceased), have taken out a pretty breathtaking chunk of indemnity cover. The premium for this sleep easy policy is said to be in the region of £700,000. This is a huge premium for a company of Queens Moat's dimensions, not far short of what a multinational corporation such as ICI might be expected to pay, and clearly indicates a multi-million pound safety net.

QMH'shierachy believes it would be inappropriate to comment on any premium paid in respect of an indemnity policy or on the extent of the cover.



Not the least of Queens Moat's problems is that certain people, at certain times, failed to observe the voting rights of shareholders of the 7 per cent Preference Shares issued in 1985. One of the outcomes of this little oversight (for which Allen & Overy appear to be taking much of the blame) is that Queens Moat Houses' directors, labouring under the misapprehension that the company's borrowing limit is £2 billion, have discovered that the borrowing limit is zilch. Comfort has been forthcoming from Freshfields (the latest adviser to join QMH's list) and Richard Sykes QC in that, as far as the banks are concerned, the company's existing borrowings and security are valid despite the breach of the borrowing limit.

Against this background, QMH is scheduled to hold an EGM next Tuesday to turn zilch back to £2 billion. Metcalfe's message, in a circular to shareholders last month, was that the directors doubt "they will be able to allow the company to continue to trade if the resolutions to sanction the increase in the borrowing limit are not passed".

The second resolution embraces ratification of any prior borrowings or other liabilities above the limitations and (two resolutions for the price of one?) the proposal that "present directors" should be released from any liability to the company in respect of any breach of duty regarding such borrowings.

What shareholders should be told is: Which directors were on board when the Preference oversights took place? Who is deemed responsible? Precisely when did such oversights first come to the board's notice? Then shareholders might have some idea about why they are there and what they are voting about. A shame, perhaps, that one of the many bonus arrangements put in place for Coppel and his colleagues did not relate to transparency.

Losing the war of independence

☐ THE independence of *The Independent* may be all over bar the shouting, but there seems certain to be an awful lot of shouting to try the patience of the daily and Sunday newspapers' remaining long-suffering readers and advertisers. To start with, there is the hurdle of persuading Michael Heseltine to waive the compulsory investigation by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Judging from the recent *Observer* case, where imminent closure was somewhat implausibly invoked, this hurdle is so low it should only trouble a limbo dancer. Yet if Mr Heseltine waives the motley takeover consortium through, he could hardly deny Tony O'Reilly's Irish Independent Newspapers the extra 5 per cent to leave it with 29.9 per cent. Since that would leave Mr O'Reilly, at worst, speaking for the second largest shareholding, it would cast some doubt over the consortium's plans to hand the running of the company over to Mirror Group Newspapers.

MGN hopes to gain far more from the deal than the dividends on its shares, which may be fine with the other consortium members but might not suit Mr O'Reilly. As pointed out by Newspaper Publishing's "independent" directors (how often that inept word crops up), "the arrangements between the consortium members ... are not structured to accommodate minority shareholders". The consortium itself looks a remarkably unstable alliance of convenience, with at least one member taking a purely financial interest. You need be no pessimist to predict prolonged tales of dispiriting bickering, warring factions and high profile resignations, and *The Independent*'s already dispirited editorial staff will soon be due for another round of the editorial turmoil that has done the papers so much damage. The takeover may ensure *The Independent* continues to be published, probably, in the end, under full and unfettered control of MGN, once it has the money. But *The Independent* will lose more than its independence in the process.

Vickers says Rolls-Royce needs foreign partner

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

ROLLS-ROYCE Motors, Britain's most prestigious car business, cannot afford to develop its next luxury model without financial help from a partner from outside the country, its parent company has admitted.

Vickers, the diversified engineer that owns Rolls-Royce, says that the next model is probably three to four years away and has been delayed by the onset of the recession, and the company is not actively seeking a partner. However, Sir Colin Chandler, chief executive of Vickers, said that the new car would cost £200 million to £300 million to develop and build, and that Vickers' share of that bill would ideally be less than £100 million.

A sharply improved performance from Rolls-Royce, the mainstay of the automotive division, was the main feature of Vickers' 1993 figures. Sir Colin said: "The more we get this business back into the black, the better chance we have of attracting a partner for a completely new model."

Vickers achieved pre-tax profits of £32.3 million in the year to December 31, against losses last time of £36.6 million after £26.4 million of exceptional items to cover restructuring. A 1.75p final dividend doubles the total to 3p, well covered by earnings per share of 8p.

Sir Colin said that Rolls-Royce, seen by the market last year as a candidate for disposal, given Vickers' lack of resources to develop it, was no longer up for sale, and that all of Vickers' four divisions were to be regarded as core businesses.

The automotive division, which is mainly Rolls-Royce but also includes Cosworth, the car engine manufacturer, and Riva, the luxury boatbuilder, made a £10.5 million trading profit, against a £15.8 million loss, after Rolls-Royce managed to edge into the black after 1992 losses of about £20 million. Sir Colin said that the improvement had come from better productivity and efficiencies, the number of cars sold last year having slipped by 18 to 1,360.

The defence division, which makes Challenger tanks, among other vehicles, increased its profits by a third, to £10.3 million, and was boosted by the first export order for Challenger 2, from Oman. However, Sir Colin said that the defence division's future relied on the outcome of talks just starting with the Ministry of Defence over an order for as many as 259 additional Challengers, at a value of £600 million. If won, this would guarantee, until the year 2000, production at Vickers' factories in Leeds and Newcastle, both of which employ 850 people.

Profits from the propulsion technology division were £900,000 lower, at £9 million.

Vickers' medical technology business staged a strong recovery, rising 64 per cent, to £9.7 million profit. The shares fell 9p, to 183p, following the stock market down.

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Mike Firth, of Yorkshire Food, where profits are up

Fuller figures at Yorkshire Food

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

A FIRST-TIME contribution from the newly acquired Del Monte Dried Fruit business helped to almost double profits at Yorkshire Food Group in its first year as a public company.

Pre-tax profits at the group, where Mike Firth is chairman and chief executive, increased from £2.7 million to £5.1 million in the year to December 31 on turnover up from £63.2 million to £95.2 million.

Stripping out the benefits of acquisitions, operating profits from continued businesses rose 12 per cent to £4.9 million from £4.4 million. A final dividend of 2.48p brings the total for the year to 3.20p.

The acquisition of Del Monte Dried Fruit pushed up profits from the American ingredients division from £1.1 million to £3.7 million.

The British ingredients business suffered from the continuing supermarket price wars, which put pressure on margins. Profits slipped from £3.2 million to £3.1 million in spite of an increase in sales.

Normanton Foods, the sugar distributor, is to move to a larger site, which will enable it to increase capacity and extend its product range.

Losses increased in the bakery division from £700,000 to £900,000. The group has decided to rationalise the business and close its bakery in Blackburn.

Expansion held back profit growth in the beverages business, which reported profits of £100,000 compared with £200,000 last time.

The group is looking to make another acquisition this year of a similar or even larger size to the £16.9 million purchase of Del Monte Dried Fruit.

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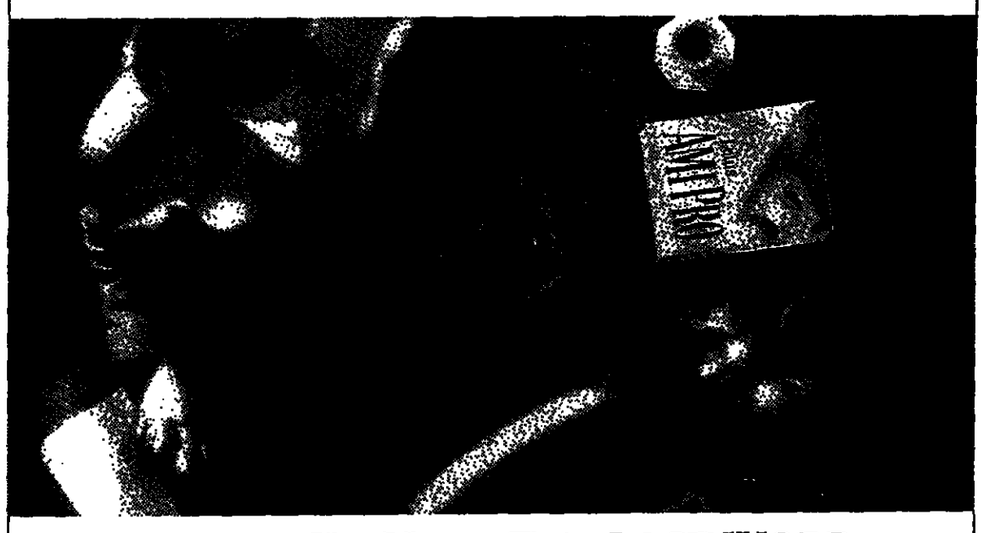
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Futures point way to recovery as shares stage 50-point rally

SHARE prices and government bonds are expected to recover some of their poise and open higher when trading resumes this morning.

Last night, the financial future was trading at a seven-point premium to the previous night's close after a day of high drama on world markets which saw the June series, at one stage, fall to 3,170.

The FT-SE 100 index rallied more than 50 points to end 22.5 down at 3,248.1 in thin trading that saw only 763 million shares change hands. Share prices started the day on a cautious note, still reflecting worries about a possible rise in US interest rates. But it was the worse than expected German money supply figures that did the damage,

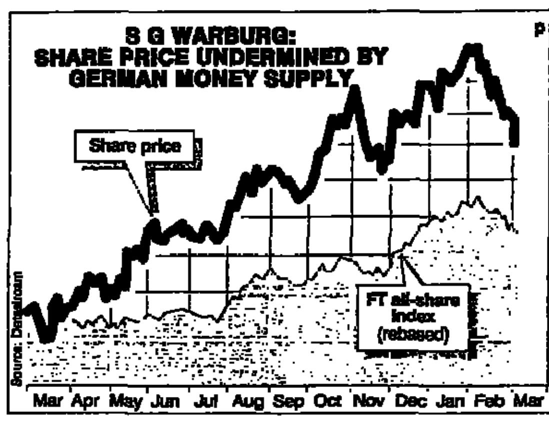
STOCK MARKET

prompting a massive sell-off in bond markets around Europe as investors ruled out the prospect of another cut in German interest rates at today's Bundesbank meeting.

This also led to heavy selling of the financial future, which in turn dragged the cash market lower. But the cash market did not come under any real weight of selling and prices rallied towards the close as the Dow Jones average recovered a 50 point markdown.

The financial sector was worst hit by news of the German money supply figures. Double digit falls were recorded across the board as investors shelved any remaining hopes of a cut in domestic interest rates.

Among the clearing banks, **HSBC**, which lost almost 8 per cent of its value on Tuesday, continued to lose ground with a drop of 26p to 842p. There were also setbacks for **Bank of Scotland**, 7p to 211p, **Barclays** 11p to 525p, **Lloyds** 5p to 583p, **Royal Bank of Scotland** 14p to 438p, **Standard Chartered** 32p to £11.29 and **TSB Group** 4p to 239p. The merchant banks saw **SG Warburg** slide 34p to 854p, **Schroders** 60p to £11.28, **Hambros** 7p to 378p and **Close Brothers** 35p to 455p. Elsewhere, **M&G Group** dropped 22p to £10.98 and



Mercury Asset Management 18p to 665p. The discount houses were also marked lower after the London Clearing House called on its members to make additional margin calls totalling almost £500 million for those operating long positions in the derivatives markets. The LCH made its move because of the market's dramatic falls, which have laid the LCH open to the risk of default by a member company.

Ladbroke shrugged off an early setback to close 2½p cheaper at 209p ahead of figures.

Profit taking left **Vodafone** 24p lower at 585p after news this week of record subscription figures. But **BT** firmed 3½p to 434½p despite Credit Lyonnais Laing turning cautious of the shares. The broker believes recent price cuts have failed to boost volumes, with the company giving away market share to **Cable and Wireless**, 2p easier at 458p.

GKN, which is bidding almost £500 million for Westland, slipped 1p to 536p after reporting a drop in pre-tax profits last year from £127.8 million to £97.5 million. The group said there was still no sign of improvement in European markets but the outlook in Britain and the US continued to improve. **Westland** was unchanged at 329½p.

Vickers fell 9p to 182p despite returning to the black last year with pre-tax profits of £32.3 million against a £36.3 million deficit last time.

BTR finished 3p lower at 357p. The offer for sale of Grahams, its building supplies division, which is being floated off closed last night oversubscribed.

□ **GILT-EDGED** rallied strongly after suffering losses stretching to more than £2 on the back of the German money supply figures. The June series of the **long gilt** touched a low for the day of £108⁷/₃₂ before closing a tick up on the session at £110³¹/₃₂ in hectic turnover that saw 155,000 contracts completed.

Prices in the cash market also put in a late rally with **Treasury 9 per cent 2012** three ticks firmer at £117⁵/₃₂, while at the shorter end **Treasury 9½ per cent 1999** was £³/₁₆ lower at £111¹¹/₁₆.

WALL STREET — Blue chips appeared steady at lower levels at midday after a slight rise in bonds halted a slide that saw stocks plunge more than 50 points. The Dow was down 23.08 points at 3,786.15, after hitting 3,756. Declines led advances by 1,837 to 328.

MICHAEL CLARK

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND
US $ .... 1.4950 (+0.0093)
German mark .... 2.5475 (+0.0084)
Exchange index .... 81.0 (+0.3)
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STOCK MARKET
FT-SE 100 .... 3248.1 (-22.5)
Dow Jones .... 3786.15 (-23.08)*
Nikkei Avg .... 19744.77 (-471.85)

INTEREST RATES
London Bank Base 5¼%
3-month Interbank 5³/₁₆-5¹/₁₆%
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3-month Treas Bills 3.47-3.46%*
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Austria Sch	18.84	17.34
Belgium Fr	55.44	51.04
Canada $	2.116	1.956
Cyprus Cyp£	0.798	0.748
Denmark Kr	10.58	9.78
Finland Mkk	8.94	8.14
France Fr	9.10	8.40
Germany Dm	2.66	2.45
Greece Dr	389.00	364.00
Hong Kong $	12.13	11.13
Ireland Pt	1.09	1.01
Italy Lira	2615.00	2460.00
Japan Yen	170.00	163.00
Malta	0.617	0.582
Netherlds Gld	3.000	2.770
Norway Kr	11.62	10.82
Portugal Esc	270.50	252.00
S Africa Rd	5.75	4.85
Spain Pta	215.50	201.50
Sweden Kr	12.55	11.75
Switzerland Fr	2.28	2.10
Turkey Lira	28500.0	27000.0
USA $	1.584	1.454

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Tough cost controls help CRH to build up profits

BY CARL MORTISHED

THE benefit of acquisitions and tight cost controls and helped CRH, the building materials group, to boost profits by a third in 1993 to Ir£76.5 million (£73.5 million).

The company, which has its headquarters in Dublin, in the Irish Republic, raised its full-year dividend from 6.54p to 7.23p. Tony Barry, the chief executive, is forecasting further growth in 1994.

Mr Barry said: "Construction activity in Ireland, the UK and US is expected to show an increase on 1993 levels." However, he gave a warning of difficult trading conditions in Spain and a decline in The Netherlands.

CRH raised Ir£147 million from its shareholders in September and spent Ir£78 million on buying businesses, mainly in America.

Strong cash flow from operations combined with the rights issue money has reduced CRH's borrowings, including convertible bonds, to 11 per cent of shareholders' funds, compared with 47 per cent in 1992.

Mr Barry said that funds would be targeted at further acquisitions in Western Europe and America.

Companies acquired last year contributed Ir£13 million to the 1993 result. High interest rates hurt the results from the Irish Republic in the first half, depressing the private housing market.

Combined with a 3 per cent fall in cement sales, full-year profits in the Irish Republic suffered a Ir£1.1 million dip to Ir£31 million. Profits in the UK rose threefold to Ir£11.9 million, mainly due to reductions in the cost base at Keyline Builders Merchants and better margins.

The Spanish construction slump is hurting Beton Catalan, with falling prices and volumes leaving CRH with a loss for the year, but profits almost doubled in America to £30.1 million.



Tony Barry, the chief executive of CRH, forecasts further growth this year

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Property deals for Embassy

BY CARL MORTISHED

EMBASSY Property Group, the developer in which the Wong family of Hong Kong owns a 60 per cent interest, announced a clutch of deals including a £16.5 million share placing to help fund the £8.7 million purchase of Skillion, a company that owns business centres, and a US$23 million joint venture office development in Peking, China.

Richard Yerbury, the former head of ARC Properties, a Hanson subsidiary, is to be managing director of the recapitalised Embassy which, following the placing, will have net assets of £20.5 million. A full listing for Embassy shares is expected in March; dealings on the USM were suspended at 3p in September due to negotiations over the company's future.

Embassy is paying £3 million for a quarter share in Giant Art Holdings, a special purpose company set up to develop a 47,850 sq metre office building in Xi Cheng district of Peking.

Embassy is placing 1.65 billion shares at 1p with institutions of which 833 million will be subject to clawback by existing shareholders: £5.7 million will go to paying off debt. A further 400 million shares are to be issued as consideration for the purchase of Skillion from Touche Remnant Property Trust.

WALL STREET

	Mar 2 midday	Mar 1 close
AMP Inc	64	63¾
AMR Corp	61½	62
Abbott Labs	27¾	27¼
Aetna Life	60	60¾
Ahmanson (HF)	17¾	17¾
Air Prod & Chem	46	47
Albertson's	28¼	28⅝
Alcan Aluminm	23	22⅝
Alco Standard	55⅞	56
Allied Signal	75¾	76
Alum Co of Am	75¾	74½
Amax Gold Inc	6⅛	6⅜
Amerada Hess	47⅞	47¾
Amer Brands	32⅞	32⅝
Amer Cyanamid	45	45¼
Amer El Power	32⅝	32¼
Amer Express	28⅝	28⅜
Amer Genl Corp	26	26¼
Amer Home Pr	59¼	59⅞
Amer Intl	85⅞	86¼
Amer Stores	49⅝	48⅞
Amer T & T	52	52⅞
Ameritech	40⅞	40¼
Amoco	52⅞	52¼
Anheuser-Busch	49¾	49¼
Apple Computer	35⅞	36¼
Archer Daniels	25⅜	25⅝
Arkla	7⅛	7⅛
Armco	5⅜	5⅜
Armstrong Wrld	52⅝	53¼
Asarco	24¼	25
Ashland Oil	40⅞	41½
Atl Richfield	101½	100
Auto Data Pro	50⅝	51
Avery Dennison	30¼	30¾
Avon Products	56⅝	56⅝
Baker Hughes	18⅝	18⅝
Baltim Gas & El	23	23⅜
Banc One	33½	34
BankAmerica	42¼	43½
Bank of NY	53⅞	54½
Bankers Tr NY	77⅞	80⅞
Barnett Banks	41½	42
Bausch & Lomb	49⅝	49⅝
Baxter Intl	22⅝	22⅝
Bectn Dickinsn	38⅝	38¼
Bell Atlantic	53¼	53½
BellSouth	55⅞	56½
Black & Decker	20	20⅜
Block (H&R)	45⅝	45⅞
Boeing	46	46¼
Boise Cascade	25¼	25⅝
Borden Inc	14⅛	14⅝
Bristol Myrs Sq	54⅜	55⅝
Browning Ferris	28¼	28⅜
Brunswick	21½	20⅝
Burlington Nthn	61½	62¼
CBS	302	308
CNA Financial	68⅝	69
CPC Intl	48⅜	48⅜
CSX	86⅝	87⅞
Campbell Soup	41¼	40⅝
Can Pacific	16⅜	17
Cptl Cities ABC	671½	683
Cptl Holdings	33⅞	34¼
Carolina Pwr	27⅝	27¼
Caterpillar	108	109
Central & SW	26⅜	27¼
Champion Intl	30⅞	31¼
Chase Manhat	31	31½
Chemical Bk	36⅞	37⅞
Chevron Corp	85⅝	85
Chrysler	56⅜	56¼
Chubb Corp	73⅝	73⅞
Cigna Corp	65	65⅝
Citicorp	39⅝	40⅝
Clorox	53½	53⅝
Coastal Corp	30⅝	31½
Coca Cola	42⅞	42⅞
Colgate-Palmolive	64⅜	64⅜
Columbia Gas	27¼	28⅜
Commonw Ed	27¼	26⅝
Compaq Comp	94⅞	97⅜
Comp Ass Intr	35⅞	36⅝
Conagra	27⅞	27⅞
Cons Edison	29⅝	29⅝
Cons Nat Gas	43⅞	44
Cons Rail	60⅝	61
Cooper Inds	37¼	38¼
Corning Inc	30⅝	30
Crown Cork	37¼	37½
Dana Corp	55	55⅝
Dayton Hudson	72¼	70¼
Deere	83	83⅝
Delta Air Lines	49	49⅝
Deluxe Corp	33⅝	34½
Detroit Edison	28	28
Digital Equip	31	31
Dillard Dept St	34¼	35⅜
Disney (Walt)	46⅝	47⅜
Dominion Res	41	40⅝
Donelley (RR)	30⅜	30⅝
Dover Corp	60⅝	61
Dow Chemical	63½	63⅜
Dow Jones	39¼	39¼
Dresser	23⅜	22⅝
Duke Power	38¼	38⅝
Dun & Brdstreet	60⅝	60⅜
Du Pont	51½	52⅝
Eastman Kodak	44	42⅝

	Mar 2 midday	Mar 1 close
Eaton Corp	56⅛	56⅜
Emerson Elec	62⅝	63⅜
Engelhard Corp	26⅜	27⅜
Enron Corp	32	31¼
Entergy	33	32¼
Ethyl Corp	18⅝	18⅝
Exxon	65¼	64½
FMC Corp	48⅞	48⅝
FPL Group	34	33⅝
Federal Express	72⅝	73⅝
Fed Nat Mtge	81⅝	82⅜
First Chicago	47¼	48¼
First Interstate	64½	65⅝
First Union Rlty	9⅜	9⅜
Fleet Fnl Grp	32⅞	32⅜
Fluor Corp	44⅜	44⅝
Ford Motor	61¼	62⅝
GTE Corp	32⅝	32
Gannett	54⅝	54½
Gap Inc Del	45	45¼
Gen Dynamics	92⅝	92
Gen Electric	104½	105¼
Gen Mills	55⅜	55⅝
Gen Motors	58⅝	58
Gen Reinsurance	102¼	104⅝
Gen Signal	33½	33⅞
Genuine Parts	36⅝	37⅝
Georgia Pac	68⅝	70
Gillette	60⅝	60⅞
Glaxo ADR	20⅜	20⅜
Goodrich (BF)	40⅞	41
Goodyear Tire	43⅝	44½
Grace (W&R)	43⅜	44½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	26⅜	26¼
Great Wstn Fin	17⅜	17¼
Halliburton	30⅜	30⅝
Harcourt General	34¼	34½
Heinz (HJ)	32¼	32⅜
Hercules	112	114
Hershey Foods	50⅝	51½
Hewlett Packard	89⅝	90⅝
Hilton Hotels	69⅝	71½
Home Depot	40⅝	41¼
Homestake Mng	20⅝	21½
Honeywell	32⅝	32⅞
Household Intl	33⅝	33½
Houston Inds	39⅝	40
Humana	19	19⅝
ITT Corp	87⅜	96½
Illinois Tool	43½	42⅝
INCO	23⅝	23⅞
Ingersoll Rand	37⅞	37⅜
Inland Steel	31½	31½
Intel Corp	66⅝	66⅛
IBM	53	52⅞
Intl Flav & Fr	36⅝	37⅝
Intl Paper	70⅞	71½
James River Va	19¼	19⅝
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	40⅝	40¼
Kellogg	49⅝	49⅝
Kerr-McGee	44	44⅝
Kimberly-Clark	54½	55
Kmart	18⅝	19⅜
Knight-Ridder	57⅝	57¼
Lilly (Eli)	55⅝	56⅛
Limited Inc	19⅝	19⅜
LIN Brdcstng	111½	111½
Lincoln Nat	41	40⅝
Litton	66⅞	67
Liz Claiborne	21½	22⅝
Lockheed Corp	66	66⅝
Louisiana Pac	42¼	42⅝
MCI Commun	26⅝	26⅝
Marriott Intl	28⅞	29⅝
Marsh & McLnn	83⅝	83⅝
Masco Corp	34¼	34¼
May Dept St	42⅝	43⅞
Maytag Corp	17⅝	18
McCaw Cellular	49⅜	49⅝
McDonalds	60⅞	61
McDonnell D	117⅝	118½
McGraw Hill	69⅝	70½
Mead Corp	43⅝	44½
Medtronic	79⅝	80⅝
Mellon Bk	54	54⅝
Melville Corp	38½	38⅝
Merck Inc	31½	32
Merrill Lynch	39⅝	40¼
Minnesota Mine	103⅜	103½
Mobil Corp	79⅝	78⅝
Monsanto	75	75
Morgan (JP)	65⅞	67⅝
Motorola Inc	103⅝	103⅝
Natl Medical	14⅝	15
Natl Semi	21½	22
Natl Service Ind	27⅜	27¼
Navistar Int	23¼	23¼
NBD Bancorp	28⅝	28⅞
NY Times A	27⅝	28⅜
Newmont Mng	52⅞	53⅝
Niag Mohawk	18⅝	19
Nike B	51½	51½
NL Industries	8⅜	8⅝
Nordstrom	39⅝	38⅜
Norfolk Sthrn	68⅞	69⅜
Nthn State Pwr	41½	41½
Norwest Corp	23	23⅝
Nynex Corp	37⅝	37⅜
Occidental Pet	17⅜	18½
Ohio Edison	20	19⅝

	Mar 2 midday	Mar 1 close
Oracle Systems	33⅝	33½
Oryx Energy Co	17⅜	17¼
Owens Corning	38⅜	39⅞
PNC Financial	26½	27½
PPG Industries	75⅝	75⅜
Paccar Inc	57⅜	58
Pacificorp	18	18
Pac Enterprises	21¼	21½
Pac Gas & Elect	31½	31
Pac Telesis	53½	54⅝
Pall Corp	17¼	17⅜
Panhandle East	21¼	21½
Parker Hannifin	35⅞	35⅜
Penney (JC)	53⅝	54¼
Pennzoil	53½	53⅞
Pepsico	38¼	39⅝
Pfizer	56⅞	57¼
Phelps Dodge	55⅜	56
Philadel Elec	29⅜	29⅝
Philip Morris	55⅜	55⅜
Phillips Pet	27⅜	27½
Pitney Bowes	42⅞	43⅛
Polaroid	31¼	31½
PriceCostco	19¼	19⅜
Procter & Gmbl	57⅜	57
Pub Serv E & G	29⅜	29½
Quaker Oats	63½	63
Ralston Purina	42⅝	43⅞
Raychem Corp	36¼	37⅝
Raytheon	60⅞	61½
Reebok Intl	32	32⅝
Reynolds Metals	50⅝	50⅞
Roadway Srvcs	70⅞	70⅝
Rockwell Intl	40⅝	41½
Rohm & Haas	55	56
Royal Dutch	105⅜	105⅝
Rubbermaid	30	30
Safeco Corp	56⅝	56⅞
St Paul's Cos	81¼	82⅝
Salomon Inc	48⅝	49
Santa Fe Pac	22⅝	22⅝
Sara Lee Corp	21½	22⅝
Scecorp	18⅝	17⅜
Schering Plough	58½	59⅝
Schlumberger	56⅞	56⅝
Scott Paper	44⅝	45⅞
Seagram	27¼	28¼
Sears Roebuck	46⅝	46
Shell Trans	62⅞	63⅝
Sherwin Wllms	33⅞	34½
Skyline Corp	19⅝	20⅝
Snap-On-Tools	44	43⅝
Southern Co	20⅜	20⅜
Sthwestern Bell	39⅞	39⅞
Sprint Corp	36⅜	38¼
Stanley Works	42⅝	42⅝
Sun Company	34¼	34½
Sun Microsys	26½	27⅝
Suntrust	44⅝	44⅝
Supervalu	35¼	37
Syntex Corp	15	15
Sysco Corp	27⅝	27
TRW Inc	71⅝	73
Tandem Comp	14⅝	14½
Tandy Corp	41½	41½
Telecom Corp	3⅝	3⅝
Teledyne	20⅝	20⅝
Temple Inland	50	51¼
Tenneco	54⅝	55⅝
Texaco	64⅝	64⅝
Texas Inst	80⅝	81½
Texas Utilities	37⅝	38¼
Textron	57⅜	57⅝
Time Warner	36⅜	37⅝
Times-Mirror	34½	34¼
Timken	34⅞	34⅝
Torchmark	43	42⅞
Toys R Us	35⅝	36½
Transamerica	50⅞	50⅝
Travelers	35⅞	35⅝
Tribune	58⅝	57¼
Tyco Labs	51½	52⅜
UAL Corp	132⅝	132⅝
UST Inc	26½	26½
USX Marathon	17⅜	17⅜
Unilever NV	110⅝	111½
Union Camp	47¼	48
Union Carbide	23⅝	23¼
Union Pacific	58⅞	58⅝
Unisys Corp	14½	14½
USAIR Group	10⅝	11½
USF&G Corp	14⅝	14⅝
US Life	38⅝	38¼
US West	40⅞	40⅝
United Tech	66½	67⅝
Unocal Corp	27¼	27
Upjohn	28⅝	28⅝
VF Corp	49⅞	50⅝
WMX Tech	24⅜	24⅝
Wal-Mart Stores	27⅝	28⅜
Warner-Lambert	63⅞	63⅝
Wells Fargo	135⅞	136¼
Westinghouse El	14¼	14½
Weyerhaeuser	47⅝	47⅝
Whirlpool	66⅞	67⅝
Whitman	16	16
Winn Dixie	52⅝	52½
Woolworth	21½	21½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	47¼	46⅜
Xerox	94⅝	95¼

RECENT ISSUES

Alpha Airports (140)	168	...
Chiroscience (150)	149	...
Clinical Computing (124)	153	-3
Coda (235)	258	-2
Compsrd Fin Sols (90)	135	-5
Edinburgh New Tiger (50)	47	-1½
Energy Capital (50)	58	...
Energy Capital Wrts	28	...
Finelist (130)	148	...
Fleming Japan C	98	-2
Guangdong Dvlpt	67½	...
Guangdong Dvlpt Wrts	26¾	+ ¾
Herald Inv Tst (100)	99	-1
Herald Inv Wrts	48	...
K'wort Euro Pt (50)	41	- ½
K'wort Euro Pt Wrt	38	...
Mithras Inv Tst (50)	51	...
Mithras Inv Wrts	26	...
Parkside Intl (110)	117	-3
Radstone Tech (125)	128	-3
Slimma (120)	140	...
Taiwan Inv (100)	89	-1
Taiwan Inv Wrts	40	-2
Trifast (200)	211	-1
Tring Intl (118)	133	-5

RIGHTS ISSUES

Beauford n/p (20)	4	+ ½
Burford n/p (92)	11	-1
Firth (GM) n/p (12)	12½	+ ½
Grosvenor Inns n/p (120)	43	-1

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
BAT .... 480½p (+16½p)
Clayton Son .... 127p (+14p)
Computer People .... 165p (+20p)

FALLS:
Br Polythene .... 493p (-11p)
Land Sec .... 708p (-11p)
British Land .... 433p (-16p)
MAI .... 262p (-16p)
Vodafone .... 585p (-24p)
ICI .... 730p (-19p)
Avon Rubber .... 600p (-13p)
MAM .... 665p (-18p)
Redland .... 573p (-13p)
Britannic .... 465p (-14p)
Cater Allen .... 570p (-30p)
Close Bros .... 455p (-35p)
Gerrard Nat .... 410p (-30p)
HSBC .... 844p (-24p)
Union .... 183p (-13p)

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FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	9,100	Cadbury	2,400	MEPC	1,700	Scot Power	4,700
Abbey Natl	7,000	Caradon	800	Marks Spr	3,600	Sears	3,300
Alld-Lyons	1,300	Carlton C	1,000	NFC	3,700	Svrn Trent	1,600
Anglian W	1,200	Coats Vyla	3,600	NatWst Bk	10,000	Shell Trans	5,200
Argyll Gp	6,200	Cm Union	1,500	Nat Power	3,400	Siebe	1,400
Arjo Wiggn	4,100	Courtaulds	1,600	Nth Wst W	1,700	SmKl Bch	3,700
AB Foods	425	Enterpr Oil	616	Nthrn Fds	1,800	Smith Nph	3,700
BAA	1,800	Forte	2,400	P & O	2,100	Sthrn Elec	369
BAT Inds	8,300	GRE	5,800	Pearson	2,600	Std Chartd	1,400
BOC	3,000	GUS	1,900	PowerGen	1,700	Sun Allnce	3,000
BP	12,000	Gen Acc	1,500	Prudential	4,200	TI Gp	1,000
BTR	8,100	Gen Elec	7,500	RMC	612	TSB	7,200
BT	9,500	Glaxo	9,300	RTZ	3,400	Tesco	3,900
Bk of Scot	3,600	Granada	2,300	Rank Org	1,700	Thames W	2,800
Barclays	10,000	Grand Met	8,600	Reckitt Col	874	Thrn EMI	1,200
Bass	3,300	Guinness	4,500	Redland	2,200	Tomkins	2,200
Blue Circle	4,000	HSBC	5,400	Reed Intl	804	Unilever	1,600
Boots	3,000	Hanson	11,000	Rentokil	1,300	Utd Bisc	662
Bowater	1,500	ICI	1,400	Reuters	1,600	Vodafone	3,000
Brit Aero	2,400	Inchcape	1,100	Rolls Royce	8,000	Wrbrg (SG)	1,000
Brit Airwys	7,900	Kingfisher	3,200	Ryl Ins	4,100	Wellcome	3,000
Brit Gas	10,000	Ladbroke	8,800	Ryl Bk Scot	3,500	Whitbread	1,100
Brit Steel	11,000	Land Secs	3,200	Sainsbury	6,200	Wlms Hld	4,700
Burmah Cstrl	523	Legal & Gn	1,900	Schroders	154	Wolseley	421
Cable Wire	5,700	Lloyds Bk	7,400	Scot & New	1,900	Zeneca	3,400

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3786.15 (-23.08)
S&P Composite .... 461.37 (-3.07)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 19744.77 (-471.85)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 9877.43 (-270.93)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 407.27 (-8.67)

Sydney: AO .... 2154.0 (-27.7)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2020.33 (-46.72)

FT 30 share: .... 2531.3 (-4.2)

Brussels:
General .... 7557.12 (-139.74)

Paris: CAC-40 .... 2144.16 (-38.96)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 665.70 (-19.80)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1640.13 (-13.00)
FT Non Financials .... 1762.94 (-11.19)
FT Gold Mines .... 207.4 (-3.4)
FT Fixed Interest .... 121.47 (-1.59)
FT Govt Secs .... 100.12 (-0.99)
Bargains 32965
SEAQ Volume 763.0m
USM (Datastrm) .... 167.05 (-1.25)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
February 21	March 4	June 2	June 13

Call options were taken out on 2/3/94: Aminex, Avesco, Carlisle Group, Caverdale, GM Firth, Greycoat, Mosaic Invs, Tadpole Tech.
Put: Eurotunnel.
Puts & Calls: HSBC, Phonelink.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Mar 94	3225.0	3255.0	3163.0	3227.0	35441
Previous open interest: 74056	Jun 94	3238.0	3260.0	3180.0	3239.0	1015
Three Month Sterling	Mar 94	94.79	94.85	94.79	94.83	11321
Previous open interest: 436409	Jun 94	94.84	94.90	94.80	94.87	33241
	Sep 94	94.70	94.74	94.63	94.72	20884
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 94	96.13	96.14	96.11	96.14	238
Previous open interest: 14534	Jun 94	95.70	95.73	95.68	95.72	930
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 94	94.13	94.19	94.11	94.15	43305
Previous open interest: 999523	Jun 94	94.48	94.55	94.38	94.53	127637
Long Gilt	Mar 94	110-25	112-10	109-09	111-30	30122
Previous open interest: 186659	Jun 94	109-30	111-12	108-07	110-31	180827
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 94	111.28	111.60	111.25	111.65	316
	Jun 94	109.68	110.65	109.65	110.50	5184
German Gov Bd Bund	Mar 94	95.43	95.89	93.80	95.44	318962
Previous open interest: 259364	Jun 94	95.22	95.75	93.55	95.19	93430
German Gov Bd Bobl	Mar 94	100.30	100.35	99.05	100.17	1411
Previous open interest: 8657	Jun 94	100.38	100.44	99.47	100.17	454
Three month ECU	Mar 94	93.64	93.66	93.56	93.62	1435
Previous open interest: 39277	Jun 94	94.03	94.03	93.87	93.98	2152
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 94	95.93	95.97	95.85	95.95	3911
Previous open interest: 67688	Jun 94	96.07	96.07	95.95	96.06	6923
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 94	110.50	110.50	107.00	109.55	98767
Previous open interest: 127552	Jun 94	110.30	110.40	106.90	109.36	47483

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 81.0 (day's range 80.8-81.0).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for March 2	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8468-2.8619	2.8584-2.8619	par-¼ds	⅛-⅜ds
Brussels	52.28-52.61	52.50-52.61	4-8ds	13-19ds
Copenhagen	9.9580-9.9970	9.9820-9.9970	⅜-1⅜ds	2⅛-3⅞ds
Dublin	1.0386-1.0455	1.0405-1.0435	10-14ds	30-36ds
Frankfurt	2.5363-2.5491	2.5458-2.5491	⅛-¼ds	⅛-⅜ds
Lisbon	260.53-262.11	261.48-262.11	86-135ds	245-333ds
Madrid	208.69-209.89	209.18-209.48	65-77ds	183-200ds
Milan	2517.80-2525.50	2517.80-2521.90	7-9ds	21-24ds
Montreal	2.0097-2.0322	2.0206-2.0235	0.27-0.21pr	0.43-0.38pr
New York	1.4875-1.4970	1.4942-1.4952	0.27-0.19pr	0.51-0.48pr
Oslo	11.0330-11.0600	11.0440-11.0600	⅜-⅛pr	⅞-⅝pr
Paris	8.6380-8.6850	8.6710-8.6850	¾-1⅛ds	2⅛-2⅞ds
Stockholm	11.9720-12.0110	11.9720-11.9960	1⅝-3ds	5⅜-7ds
Tokyo	153.95-155.21	154.94-155.21	½-⅜pr	1¼-1⅛pr
Vienna	17.84-17.90	17.84-17.87	¼-1⅜ds	⅜-2⅝ds
Zurich	2.1329-2.1435	2.1367-2.1397	⅛-⅛pr	⅜-⅜pr

Source: Extel — *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4930-1.4956
Australia dollar	2.1265-2.1310
Bahrain dinar	0.5545-0.5665
Brazil cruzeiro *	967.65-969.50
Cyprus pound	0.754-0.764
Finland marka	8.142-8.258
Greece drachma	365.25-372.25
Hong Kong dollar	11.5603-11.5696
India rupee	46.22-47.18
Kuwait dinar KD	0.437-0.447
Malaysia ringgit	4.0608-4.0681
Mexico peso	4.65-4.80
New Zealand dollar	2.6304-2.6368
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5145-5.6405
Singapore dollar	2.3607-2.3639
S Africa rand (fin)	6.9807-7.0303
S Africa rand (com)	5.1662-5.1742
U A E dirham	5.4005-5.5245

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4224-1.4245
Austria	11.94-11.95
Belgium (Com)	34.97-35.01
Canada	1.3564-1.3574
Denmark	6.6566-6.6616
France	5.781-5.786
Germany	1.6973-1.6983
Hong Kong	7.7275-7.7285
Ireland	1.435-1.438
Italy	1683.4-1684.9
Japan	103.5-103.6
Malaysia	2.7145-2.7175
Netherlands	1.905-1.906
Norway	7.3775-7.3825
Portugal	174.15-174.45
Singapore	1.578-1.579
Spain	139.93-140.03
Sweden	8.005-8.015
Switzerland	1.4258-1.4268

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¼ Finance Hse 5½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 4¾ Low 3 Week fixed: 5
Treasury Bills (Dis)-Buy: 2 mth 4²³/₃₂; 3 mth 4¾. Sell: 2 mth 4²³/₃₂; 3 mth: 4¹¹/₁₆.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	4²⁹/₃₂-4²⁷/₃₂	4²⁹/₃₂-4²⁷/₃₂	4²⁹/₃₂-4²⁷/₃₂	4²⁹/₃₂-4¾	
Sterling Money Rates:	5³/₁₆-5¹/₁₆	5³/₁₆-5¹/₁₆	5³/₁₆-5¹/₁₆	5¼-5⅛	5⅜-5¼
Interbank:	5³/₁₆-5¹/₁₆	5³/₁₆-5¹/₁₆	5³/₁₆-5¹/₁₆	5¼-5⅛	5⅜-5¼

Overnight: open 5¼, close 3.

Local Authority Deps:	5	n/a	5⅛	5⅛	5⅜
Sterling CDs:	5⅛-5	5¹/₁₆-5¹/₃₂	5³/₁₆-5¹/₁₆	5¼-5⅛	5⅜-5¼
Dollar CDs:	3.58	n/a	3.78	3.99	4.40
Building Society CDs:	5³/₁₆-5¹/₁₆	5³/₁₆-5¹/₁₆	5³/₁₆-5¹/₁₆	5¼-5⅛	5⅜-5¼

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Feb 28, 1994 Agreed rates Mar 26, 1994 to Apr 25, 1994 Scheme III: 6.50%. Reference rate Feb 1, 1994 to Feb 28, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.265%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3⅛	3¹³/₁₆-3¹¹/₁₆	4¹/₁₆-3¹⁵/₁₆	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	6¼-5⅞	6¼-5¹⁵/₁₆	5¹⁵/₁₆-5¹³/₁₆	5⅝-5½	6⅛-5⅞
French Franc:	6⅛-6¹/₁₆	6⅛-6¹/₁₆	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6	6⅛-5⅞
Swiss Franc:	4⅝-4⅝	4⅛-4¹/₁₆	4⅛-4	4⅛-4	4⅛-3⅝
Yen:	2⅛-2	2⅛-2¹/₁₆	2⅛-2¹/₁₆	2⅛-2¹/₁₆	2⅛-1⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $377.80-378.20 Close: $375.45-375.95 High: $378.45-378.95 Low: $373.10-373.60 Krugerrand: $374.00-377.00 (£250.00-252.00)
Sovereigns: Old $87.00-90.00 (£58.00-60.00) New $87.00-90.00 (£58.00-60.00)
Platinum: $386.50 (£258.10) Silver: $5.24 (£3.495) Palladium: $135.10 (£90.20)

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Lyon	600	35	46	55	11	29	35½
(*619)	650	10½	22½	32	38½	59	64½
Argyll	240	17½	24	27	9½	19½	23
(*245)	260	9½	15	18½	22	32	35
ASDA	50	10	13	14	1½	3	4½
(*58)	60	4	7	8½	5½	7½	9½
Boots	500	36½	48	55½	6½	20½	24½
(*525½)	550	11½	22	31	31½	47½	51½
Br Airways	420	29	40	48	10½	23	28½
(*436)	460	8½	20½	30	31½	45½	50½
BP	330	27	37½	43	4½	12½	17
(*351)	360	10½	20½	27	18	26	31½
Br Steel	130	11½	16½	20	4½	9	12
(*136½)	140	6	11½	15	9½	14	17
C & W	450	24	39	—	14	27	—
(*457½)	475	13	26½	—	26	38½	—
CU	600	25	43	47½	18	27½	36
(*602½)	650	8	21	25	52½	58½	66½
ICI	700	35	52	60	17	31½	43½
(*727½)	750	11½	28½	37	50½	61	71½
Kingfishr	550	46½	56½	66	9½	24½	33
(*582)	600	18	31	41½	33	51	59
Land Sec	700	25	36	44	13½	32	35½
(*707½)	750	6½	14½	22½	47	65½	67½
M & S	390	33	39½	45½	3½	12	14½
(*416)	420	13½	22	28½	14½	25½	27½
Nat West	460	39½	54½	60	9½	18½	24½
(*485)	500	17½	33	41	28½	37	44½
Sainsbury	330	37	45	52½	5½	15	19½
(*358)	360	18½	28½	37	17	30½	34½
Shell	700	14	31	39	26	35½	46
(*700½)	750	3	14½	20	69	71½	78
Smkl Bch	390	21½	34	43	16½	28½	35½
(*391½)	420	9	22½	30½	36	47	53½
Storehse	220	19	26½	30½	4	9½	13
(*233)	240	7½	15	20½	13½	20½	23
Trafalgar	106	11	16½	—	5½	10½	—
(*109)	115	6½	12½	—	11	16	—
Unilever	1100	34	56	72	30½	42	55
(*1112½)	1150	13	33½	49	66	73½	85
Zeneca	750	28½	49½	63	29	41½	54½
(*765)	900	10½	29½	42	63½	72	84½

	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Grnd Met	460	33	45	54½	14	21	26½
(*477)	500	14½	25	35	34½	42½	48
Ladbroke	200	18	23½	28½	12	18	24½
(*208)	220	8½	14½	19½	25	30	36
Utd Bisc	330	24	30½	34½	13½	19	25
(*343½)	360	7	17	22	33½	38	43

March 2, 1994 Tot: 66667 Call: 31716 Put: 34951 FT-SE Call: 17986 Put: 23348
*Underlying security price.

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
BAA	1000	44	63½	84	20½	40½	49
(*1014½)	1050	20½	38½	58½	49	67	75
Thames W	500	50½	58	63	4	15½	18½
(*543)	550	15	26½	33	20½	40	44

	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAT Ind	460	33½	42	48½	17	26	33½
(*479½)	500	15	23½	31	43	50	58
BTR	330	31	38	44	7½	13½	19
(*356)	360	14	22½	28	22½	27	34
Br Aero	460	64	80½	94	19	31½	39
(*495)	500	40½	60	75½	35	50	62
Br Telcm	420	26½	35½	41	8½	19	24
(*433½)	460	8	16	22½	32	41	46
Cadbury	493	17½	—	—	19½	—	—
(*499)	542	4½	—	—	58½	—	—
Guinness	500	34	48	59½	21	31½	37
(*519)	550	11	29½	37	52½	61	66
GEC	300	20½	25½	29½	8	15	19
(*309)	330	6½	11	15½	26	34	36½
Hanson	260	17	21	25½	6½	10½	14½
(*268½)	290	7½	12	16	16	21½	25
LASMO	120	16	21½	26	9½	13½	17½
(*126½)	130	10½	16½	21	14	19	23½
Lucas	200	25	31½	35½	5½	10½	15
(*219)	220	12	19½	24½	14	19	25
Pilkingtn	180	22	26½	30½	5	9½	12
(*194)	200	10½	15	19½	14	19½	22
Prudential	300	25½	31	36	7½	13½	15
(*320½)	330	8	16½	22	25½	31	34½
Redland	550	35	46½	55½	25	35½	48
(*568½)	600	12½	24½	34	59	67	77½
Royal Ins	280	25½	33½	40	12	16	21½
(*290)	300	15	23½	30½	22½	26	31½
Tesco	220	15½	22	27	12	16	20½
(*225½)	240	6	13	18½	25½	28½	32½
Vodafone	550	57	72½	89½	14½	28½	37½
(*586)	600	26½	46½	64	36	53	63
Williams	390	17½	24½	31	21	26½	32½
(*390)	420	6	13½	19	42½	46½	51½

FT-SE INDEX (*3238½)

	3100	3150	3200	3250	3300	3350
Calls						
Mar	148	109	72	44	25	13
Apr	168	133	103	75	55	38
May	197	161	133	104	82	61
Jun	213	181	151	122	101	80
Dec	296	—	234	—	184	—
Puts						
Mar	19	27	44	68	100	140
Apr	44	58	78	100	130	163
May	64	79	99	121	149	178
Jun	77	95	115	135	164	193
Dec	139	—	173	—	221	—

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Abby Nat	460	31	37	49	5½	15½	23½
(*489)	500	5	17½	30	29	37½	44½
Amstrad	35	3½	5½	7½	2	4	5
(*36½)	40	1½	3½	5	5	6½	8
Barclays	500	31½	42½	54½	10½	18	29½
(*524)	550	7	19½	30½	42	47½	57
Blue Circ	330	19	30	42	5	16½	24½
(*342½)	360	5	16	28½	22	34½	42
Br Gas	300	19	25	28½	3	11	14
(*315½)	330	3	9	14	17½	28	31
Dixons	200	18½	26½	30½	4	8	15
(*214½)	220	5½	15½	20½	12½	17½	25
Forte	260	11	17½	26	6	17	22½
(*263½)	280	3	9	17	20	30	34½
Hillsdwn	160	12½	15½	19½	2½	9½	12½
(*169)	180	2½	6	11	14	23½	25
Lonrho	140	20	27	32	2	7½	13
(*157)	160	6½	16	22½	9	17	23
Sears	110	11	13½	17	1½	4	6
(*119)	120	4	7	10½	4½	8½	11
Thrn EMI	1050	54	82	102½	9½	27	50
(*1091)	1100	19½	51½	69	28	49½	75
Tomkins	240	16½	24	30	3	9	14½
(*252½)	260	4½	12½	19½	12	18½	25
TSB	220	22½	29½	37	3	6½	11½
(*239)	240	9½	17½	26	8	15	21
Wellcome	600	54	71½	92	5½	23½	35
(*645½)	650	21½	44½	65	24	46½	59½

	Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Glaxo	650	47	72½	85	18	35½	52
(*674)	700	21½	47½	59½	45	61½	78½
HSBC	800	62	96	117½	37	71	84
(*842)	850	37	72	93½	66	95½	109½
Reuter	1950	82½	146	184	61½	103½	128½
(*1985)	2000	57½	120½	158½	89½	127½	152½

	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
R-Royce	160	14	20	24	6½	11	15½
(*169)	180	6	10½	15	18½	23	26½

	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Fisons	120	12½	19	25	3½	9	14
(*128½)	130	6½	14½	20½	8	15	19

	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Eastrn Elc	650	30½	43½	52	24	40½	48
(*651)	700	12	22½	31½	56	73½	79½

	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Natl Pwr	400	26	38½	46½	5	17	25½
(*430½)	500	5	17½	28½	24½	39½	46½
Scot Pwr	390	26½	39	46½	3½	11½	22
(*411½)	430	8½	22½	30½	16½	25	35½

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: The European financial markets went into a tailspin after the bad German money supply figures, and finally the bullion markets took fright. While the gold market is often seen as a good hedge against financial uncertainty, the higher yield now offered on long term bonds is making investors think twice. Gold offers no income return and tends to suffer when interest rates rise.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA
Mar .... 894-891 May 974-970
May .... 911-910 Jul 984-978
Jul .... 923-922 Sep 994-985
Sep .... 933-932 Dec 1010-995
Dec 947-945
Mar .... 962-960 Volume: 3573

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)
Mar .... 1200-1197 Nov 1223-1222
May .... 1211-1210 Jan 1222-1220
Jul .... 1211-1210 Mar 1220-1215
Sep .... 1215-1210 Volume: 3881

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)
Jan 11.50-12.13
Spot: 285.10 Mar 11.25-12.33
May .... 11.90-12.00 May 11.10-12.53
Jul .... 12.30-12.50 Jul 10.90-12.88
Sep .... 11.75-11.93 Volume: 4441

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)
Reuters Dec 299.5-97.0
Spot: 332.0 Mar 298.5-96.0
May .... 326.0-24.9 May 300.5-96.5
Aug .... 321.5-21.0 Aug 304.5-98.5
Oct .... 301.5-00.5 Volume: 1318

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on March 2

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	80.96	120.07	123.97
(+/-)	+6.56	+0.91	+0.64
Eng/Wales:	81.00	120.01	123.43
(+/-)	+6.55	+0.63	+0.60
(%)	+25.4	-5.0	+14.0
Scotland:	71.63	120.28	126.42
(+/-)	+5.49	+1.62	-0.58
(%)	-7.6	-27.8	+24.0

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	—	Mar	unq	—
Sep	unq	—		Volume: 0	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT (close £/t)
Mar 102.10
May 103.40
Jun 103.40
Sep 91.70
Nov 92.80
Volume: 306

BARLEY (close £/t)
Mar 105.00
May 105.00
Sep 92.50
Nov 94.75
Jan 95.75
Volume: 87

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)
Aug .... unq
Oct .... —
Dec .... —
Feb .... —
Apr .... —
Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Mar	unq	150.0
Apr	136.0	141.0
May	150.0	153.3
	Volume: 581	

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Apr 65.75-66.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Despite mildly supportive American stock figures, oil prices were little changed.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	13.50	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Mar)	13.60	n/c
Brent 15 day (Apr)	13.60	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	14.75	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (May)	14.85	-0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	152 (n/c)	154 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	142 (+1)	144 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Mar	146 (+1)	148 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Apr	144 (+1)	146 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	81 (n/c)	82 (n/c)
Naphtha	136 (+1)	137 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL
Mar .... 141.00-41.25 Jun 139.75-40.25
Apr .... 140.25-40.50 Jul 142.00-42.25
May .... 139.25-39.50 Aug 144.25-44.50
Vol: 9655

BRENT (6.00pm)
Apr .... 13.60-13.61 Jul 14.01-14.05
May .... 13.72-13.73 Aug 14.15-14.20
Jun .... 13.87 BID Vol: 20566

UNLEADED GASOLINE
Mar .... 142.50-44.00 Jun .... unq
Apr .... unq Jul .... unq
May .... unq Vol: 0

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Mar 94	1150	1132	1155
Apr 94	1212	1205	1212
May 94	1211	1204	1211
Jul 94	1105	1095	1114

Vol: 226 lots Open inrst: 2590 Index 1115 same

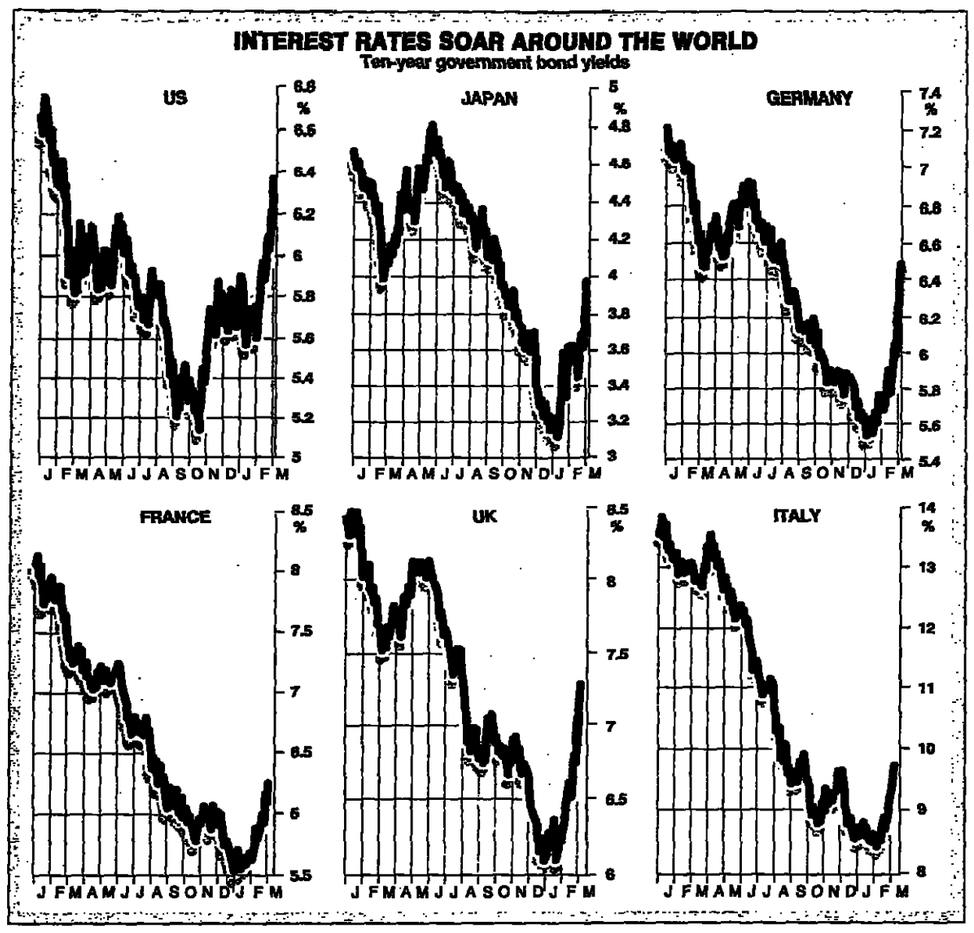
LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1852.0-1852.5	1873.5-1874.0	1255325
Lead ($/tonne)	450.00-451.00	464.90-465.00	164050
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	939.50-940.50	957.50-958.50	403550
Tin ($/tonne)	5385.0-5390.0	5415.0-5420.0	23215
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1259.0-1259.5	1283.5-1284.0	1188725
Nickel ($/tonne)	5695.0-5700.0	5745.0-5750.0	45084

ECONOMIC VIEW

Political rigidity may mean bond meltdown is not over

Anatole Kaletsky argues that the recent jump in ten-year interest rates was inevitable but that governments are unlikely to respond appropriately



As they say in America: "It's not over till the fat lady sings." Bond markets from New York and Tokyo to Frankfurt and London suffered from panic selling yesterday on a scale unseen since the 1974 and 1979 oil crises. By lunchtime, ten-year interest rates had jumped to 6.5 per cent in Germany and 6.3 per cent in America, from 5.6 per cent in both countries just two months ago. In Britain, the rise was even steeper — from 6.1 per cent just after Christmas to 7.3 per cent.

Yesterday's meltdown saw bond prices falling by an almost unheard of four percentage points in London, Milan and Frankfurt, and large respectable investment institutions replacing the speculative hedge funds as the main sellers, especially in the German, French and Japanese markets. Was this then the fat lady singing — the final cathartic sell-off that would end two months of global financial turmoil? Or was it just the latest grim staging-post in an evolving crisis which would gradually spread from bonds to stock markets the world over and engulf the economic recovery that was only just emerging in continental Europe and Japan?

Most people in the markets were naturally inclined to the first view. This had been a sell-off with no economic justification, most analysts argued. The jump in long-term interest rates around the world did not reflect a sudden threat of higher inflation or a serious prospect of worldwide monetary tightening. Perhaps the panic would just vanish as suddenly and mysteriously as it appeared.

Perhaps, but there are several big gaps in this optimistic argument. These lacunae suggest that a further rise in long-term interest rates is still probably on the cards. If so, then the hopes of a global economic recovery, as well as the prospects of avoiding a stock market meltdown in Wall Street, London and other markets, are now more dependent than ever on a sensible policy response from finance ministers and central banks. Given the recent performance of central banks, especially those in Britain and Europe, at this point in the argument the optimists tend to beat a hasty retreat.

What, then, are the reasons to worry that the rise in long-term interest rates is not yet over? The first answer is to do with financial dynamics, and was discussed at length in this column last week. To summarise the argument, bonds have fallen since the New Year largely because their prices had been pushed far too high in a classic speculative bubble. From last June onwards, bond prices in Germany, France, Britain and Japan had moved upwards in almost a straight line, fed by an inexhaustible supply of money from the American hedge funds, bank trading desks and other highly leveraged short-term investors.

These investors were not buying bonds for their yield, but for the prospects of capital gains. As a result the markets had lost contact with the economic fundamentals that are supposed to determine long term interest rates — above all, long-term inflation prospects and the balance between demand and supply of long-term investment funds. By last autumn, the disconnection from economic fundamentals was complete, as the speculative frenzy built up, with hedge funds and banks pouring tens of billions into the bond markets.

If this analysis is correct, then there is little point in seeking reassurance today from the "economic fundamentals". The optimistic may be right to argue that the recent sell-off has not been caused by any deterioration in the fundamentals. But what if the prices that were out of line with the fundamentals were the ones prevailing last autumn? In that case, the current collapse in bond prices may be caused by markets *returning* to the fundamentals, rather than moving away from them. The slight tightening of monetary policy by the US Federal Reserve Board on February 4, was simply the catalyst for a move that was bound to happen sooner or later.

In fact, looking at the charts of American, Japanese, German and British long-term interest rates it is perfectly clear that the upward movement in yields began well before February 4. These markets, which are more liquid and more sensitive to economics than the less developed markets of Paris and Milan, all turned decisively as soon as the speculative mania ran out on New Year's Day.

The question that analysts should be asking, therefore, is not whether the sharp increase in yields since Christmas has been economically justified, but whether yields today are more or less reasonable in terms of the fundamentals than yields prevailing two months ago. My answer is that today's long-term interest rates appear much more sensible than last December's.

Looking first at Britain, a ten-year yield of 7.3 per cent is 3.3 points above the top of the government's inflation target and some 4 points higher than most economists' expectation of long-run inflation, which is now around between 3 and 3½ per cent. This "real" interest rate of 3 to 4 per cent is, by historic standards, a reasonable reward for the risk of making a long-term loan to the British government. By contrast, the gilt yield of 6.1 per cent last December offered a real interest rate of only around 2 per cent — less than the yield of 2½ per cent on irredeemable Consols after the Second World War (at a time when inflation was considered non-existent). Consols proved to be about the worst investment ever devised.

But are today's higher yields really due to investors' demand for higher real returns? Or do they reflect instead a growing alarm about inflation? Apart from observing that all the inflation statistics to have come out in the last two months have been better than expected, the best way to answer this question is to look at index-linked gilts, which give an objective measure of the real rate of interest demanded in Britain. And with mobile international capital, the long-term real rate demanded in Britain is unlikely to diverge very far from comparable rates elsewhere in the industrialised world.

In fact index-linked yields have risen from 2.8 per cent last December to 3.5 per cent today. This indicates that the bulk of Britain's 1.2 point rise in bond yields has reflected the market's demand for higher real interest rates, rather than its concern about rising inflation.

From this point of view, the increase in other European bond yields also makes sense. In both France and Germany, long-term interest rates have risen by about 0.8 percentage points, very similar to the increase in Britain's real interest-rates. The additional premium in Britain (as well as in Italy, Spain, Sweden and other "high yield" markets) can easily be explained by a "funk factor" connected with the fact that the smaller and less successful hedge funds, which were late in joining last year's bond market bandwagon, tended to put most of their money in the high yield markets.

To central banks, concerned that the bond market collapse might point to rising inflationary expectations, this analysis should be reassuring. But for the markets, it may still be too early to heave a sigh of relief. For if the worldwide increase in bond yields reflects a demand for higher real interest rates, how do we know today's 3.5 per cent will prove generous enough?

Before the worldwide recession began in 1990, there was much serious discussion among economists and financiers about a looming "global capital shortage". At the time it was pretty clear that this alarm was premature. But as the world economy recovers, upward pressure on long-term interest rates may indeed develop. And even before the capital shortage hits, the bond markets will be dogged by a purely financial factor. After the enormous losses of the past few weeks, bond prices may have to "overshoot" downwards to the point where they become very cheap — not just fairly valued — before shell-shocked investors start buying again.

The main hope for an early rally, therefore, lies not with the markets or the economic fundamentals, but with the finance ministers and central banks. If governments recognised that the increase in long-term interest rates could now threaten recovery in Japan and Europe, they would move aggressively to *cut* short-term rates. Unfortunately, though, the Bundesbank Council is still stuck on deflationary dogmas, like the born-again monetarists at the Bank of England. The authorities would probably rather see their financial markets collapsing and their economies sinking back into recession than risk the "credibility" of their deflationary policies.

That is the last, and probably the strongest, reason to suspect that the meltdown is not over yet.

TEMPUS

Driving ambition

HOWEVER much GKN is eventually forced to pay for Westland, its 1993 figures emphasise that the bid is a key stage in an entire reshaping of the group.

The sharp downturn in the European motor market last year may well have been the factor that convinced Sir David Lees he needed to reduce GKN's reliance on the flagship driveline division. This, coupled with the lucrative Kuwaiti order for Warrior, turned his head towards the stable earnings that a well-run defence business can provide.

But the bid for Westland offers more than just a chance to stablise GKN's shaky earnings progression. It provides an opportunity for the group to escape from a ragbag of businesses that have been retained because they generate British profits and lessen the advance corporation tax liabilities. If and when the Westland bid succeeds, the group's enhanced domestic earnings base will enable it to jettison peripheral interests. The highest priority must be the disposal of the minority stake in UES, the loss-making scrap steel business.

Such a shake out should accelerate GKN's earnings recovery, which is already assured given the forecast 4 per cent recovery in European car production this year. The group could even pay a covered dividend for 1994, something it has not accomplished since 1989.

GKN's share price will wobble if the market reckons it has overpaid for Westland when the final bid arrives, and also if it wins Westland and is downrated as a defence rather than an automotive business. Longer term, the acquisition of Westland opens up all GKN's options, and a more focused and resilient group should emerge.

Vickers

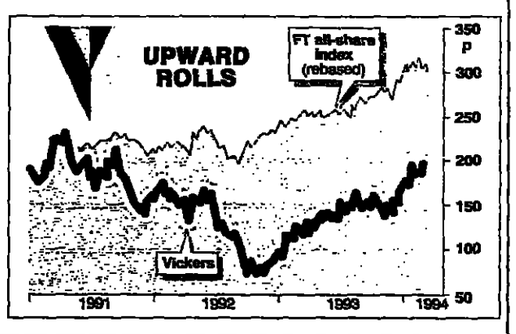
VICKERS has dragged itself out of intensive care, thanks to an overdue reorganisation of its manufacturing process and last year's rights issue. The near future also looks secure as the Challenger workload should provide earnings growth until the end of the decade, something fully valued in the shares which trade at 15 times 1995 earnings forecasts.

But the group faces an uncomfortable future as a diverse engineering group which no longer has a balance sheet large enough to fund the development of either of its main businesses, tanks and luxury cars.

This need not prevent it having an independent future, since joint ventures are now common practice in the capital goods industries. The successor to Challenger II at the end of the century will almost inevitably be a European joint venture.

Rolls-Royce can also create a new model, if it finds someone willing to develop an engine. But to establish a joint venture, Vickers must find a larger partner who is prepared to do the donkey work, while not coveting the brand name. Such a scenario looks so unlikely that the odds must be against Rolls remaining part of the group.

With or without Rolls, Vickers must concentrate on low capital intensive businesses such as Cosworth — designing and innovating rather than manufacturing. That will ensure the group's future when the Challenger orders run out.



CRH

CRH showed yesterday that it scarcely needed the Ir£147 million (£141 million) it raised from shareholders in last September's rights issue. Cash flow of Ir£145 million from operations amply covered Ir£49 million in capital expenditure, taxes of Ir£10 million and Ir£21 million in dividends, leaving a surplus of Ir£65 million. That is only marginally less than the Ir£68 million it invested in the business last year.

It would be churlish, however, to criticise the company for building a war chest in a year when weaker building groups were patching holes in their battered balance sheets. CRH has proved it can squeeze more out of its existing businesses as well as buy profits, and in the UK, where the group is still earning a mere 5 per cent return on capital, profits should grow strongly. If the company can improve margins at its Keyline builders' merchants to nearer industry norms, UK profits could double from current low levels. Tax is an added incentive; a high level of UK borrowings should leave CRH sheltered from the UK taxman for some years to come.

A wide spread of businesses in different countries has cushioned CRH from cyclical downturns, a benefit that could work against the company in recovering markets. But CRH's low tax charge and good cost control should ensure another double digit increase in the dividend this year.

Boddington

IN SPITE OF the bid rumours that regularly rumble around the stock market, Boddington has remained the Cinderella of the recent scramble for good quality managed estates, with nothing to show for its ambitions but a £15 million windfall profit from the sale of its stake in Devenish.

The disposal has left the group as one of the least indebted pub operators on the market, with gearing of 15 per cent. With beer volumes falling more than 3 per cent, last year was not a bad time to reduce interest costs, but it leaves the question about the group's future direction still hanging since its present rate of capital spending on pubs, leisure hotels, and nursing homes is substantially covered by cash flow.

Ever since Boddington disposed of its brewery and mortgaged its future on its skills as a pub operator, its future prosperity has depended on having the critical mass to negotiate keen contracts from its main food and drink suppliers. But its failure to expand its estate substantially has left it looking like a second division player in an industry that is steadily consolidating.

That makes it difficult to escape the conclusion that Boddington is an attractive adjunct to someone else's growing pub estate, but so far the bidders have proved shy. The issue is only likely to be resolved when Whitbread decides what to do with its 20 per cent stake.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Getty diaries up for auction

THE diaries of J Paul Getty, the eccentric oil billionaire, said to be the richest man in the world but notorious for his penny-pinching behaviour, are to be sold. Getty, who died in 1976, left a remarkable record, with penned daily entries recording his activities, together with the political and social situations of the day. The 29 volumes, spanning thousands of pages, are said to offer a rare insight into this great American icon of wealth, who moved to England in the 1950s after building a fortune on oil leases and shares. Churchill, Stalin and President Kennedy all rate a mention, and we learn that Field Marshall Montgomery once confided to Getty that he "would go into the jungle" with Mao Tse Tung, but not with Kruschev. And who can blame him? The five-times married Getty died, aged 83, at Sutton Place, the Tudor mansion near Guildford that was notable for the pay phones installed for the use of guests. The diaries go up for auction in Connecticut on March 19.

Record run

PROBABLY the only people across the Channel not concerned about the lack of medals among French athletes at the Winter Olympics are the directors of Rossignol and Salomon, makers of skis and ski boots. As events progressed at Lillehammer, it became evident to television viewers worldwide that many of the medalists had chosen to use Rossignol or Salomon skis, but particularly Rossignol in the Alpine ski section. The shares responded with a record run last week.

Huhne rating

EXEUNT Chris Huhne, business editor of *The Independent*, who yesterday announced his resignation to join IBCA, a credit rating agency, where he will set up a division advising on the risk-ratings of various countries. He starts next month, and may, in the process, have unwittingly shot himself in the foot. By quitting, Huhne, 40, has scuppered any chances of participating in a generous redundancy package, which includes a month's pay for every year of service, holiday pay, pension contributions for three months, and so on. Since a man of his stature would be expected to earn about £100,000 a year, his own credit rating may be in the firing line. Insiders, meanwhile, wonder if Huhne, known for debating obscure economic points, will make it out of the car park with his staff BMW, which sports the modest number plate HIHNE.



STILL on the Indie, readers may recall that Andreas Whittam Smith was keen to support an offer of £2.50 for the shares in December, only to be blocked by Ian Davison. While there is no love lost between them, Davison has unwittingly made Whittam Smith £1.75 million richer for his trouble.

Fat cats no more

SO much for the image of City fat cats. Tony Taylor, a leading Lloyd's underwriter, and three hardy souls from Willis Faber & Dumas, have pulled off one of the more unusal fund-raising ventures seen this year. They have, between them, shed about six stone after a month's fasting. One observer said: "There were weekly weigh-ins at our offices at Ten Trinity Square. We held them on Monday mornings, just to make sure there were no weekend excesses." A whip-round raised about £5,000 for the Leukaemia Research Fund.

Off the menu

PART of Bristol's history will be lost this month, when the city's last gentleman's club closes. The Commercial Rooms, in the heart of the banking and financial centre, will close on March 31, 183 years after being founded by John McAdam of road surface fame. Local businessmen blame the recession and the demise of the executive lunch. Young businessmen are too busy to stop for lunch, preferring to nibble a sandwich at their desks.

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Rainbow wants scratch cards separated from national lottery


Davis: lottery chief

By Jon Ashworth

RAINBOW, the rank outsider in the race to run the UK National Lottery, has called for the licence to be split in two, allowing it to run the instant scratch card side of the operation.

In its formal application to Peter Davis, director-general of the National Lottery, Rainbow proposes that on-line and instant lottery games should be treated as separate markets, developed and promoted by different operators. Splitting the operation in this way would significantly improve its prospects in the bidding round.

The Rainbow bid is led by Sir Patrick Sheehy, chairman of BAT Industries, and Richard Wheatly, chairman of Leo Burnett, the advertising agency. In North America, different operators are used for instant and on-line games in all but three states. Rainbow claims that such a division works to improve revenue.

Competition, it claims, would prevent the National Lottery from falling under the control of any single, all-embracing consortium. A split would ensure that the different administration costs of running the two operations would be exposed to the appropriate level of national scrutiny.

The instant game business in the UK is expected to be worth more than £1 billion a year, with £500 million payable in prizes. Rainbow estimates that sales of instant scratch cards would raise more than £60 million in additional revenue for the small independent retailers who would sell them.

It predicts that shops selling the cards would add 15 per cent to gross sales and improve the sale of existing merchandise by more than 10 per cent. Players would be able to choose between a variety of scratch cards, offering instant prizes of up to £75,000 for a card with three matching symbols.

Experience in Australia suggests that one in three cards pays a cash prize. Prizes of £25 and less would be paid by the retailer.

Tickets would be printed in Yorkshire by Opax International Lotteries, a subsidiary of Bowater. Warehousing and distribution would be carried out by Securicor. UBS and Hambro Magan are acting as City advisers. Teams from the Virginia State Lottery and Austrian Lotteries are providing technical and marketing advice.

Rainbow proposes a weekly television programme, to be broadcast on Saturday nights, which would include a live Millionaires' Club draw, when a member of the studio audience would win the ultimate prize — £1 million. Thames Television and the BBC are advising on television formats.

Without the need to set up a complex computer network, Rainbow argues that it would be in a position to launch its first game by the middle of September. A full-scale National Lottery is unlikely to go live before February 1995, because of the time required to put terminals in place and for fear of disruption caused to retailers during the peak Christmas sales period.

Eight consortia are bidding for the licence to run the National Lottery. A decision is expected in late May or early June.


Sheehy: wants a split

WH Smith plans to form biggest UK music chain

By Susan Gilchrist

■ The Office of Fair Trading is expected to look closely at a deal giving WH Smith a 75 per cent stake in Britain's biggest music retailer, boasting annual sales of £350 million

WH SMITH yesterday confirmed that it plans to merge its Our Price record chain with Virgin Retail, part of Richard Branson's empire, to create Britain's biggest music retailer, with almost a third of the £1.3 billion market.

The deal, which will bring together Our Price's 305 stores and the 24 Virgin Megastores under a single integrated management, will put the enlarged venture well ahead of its competitors. Kingfisher's Woolworths and HMV each have about 15 per cent of the music retailing market.

No cash will change hands but WH Smith, which already owns 50 per cent of Virgin Retail, will see its share of the venture increase to 75 per cent. The enlarged operation will be headed by Simon Burke, the current managing director of Virgin Retail in Britain and Ireland.

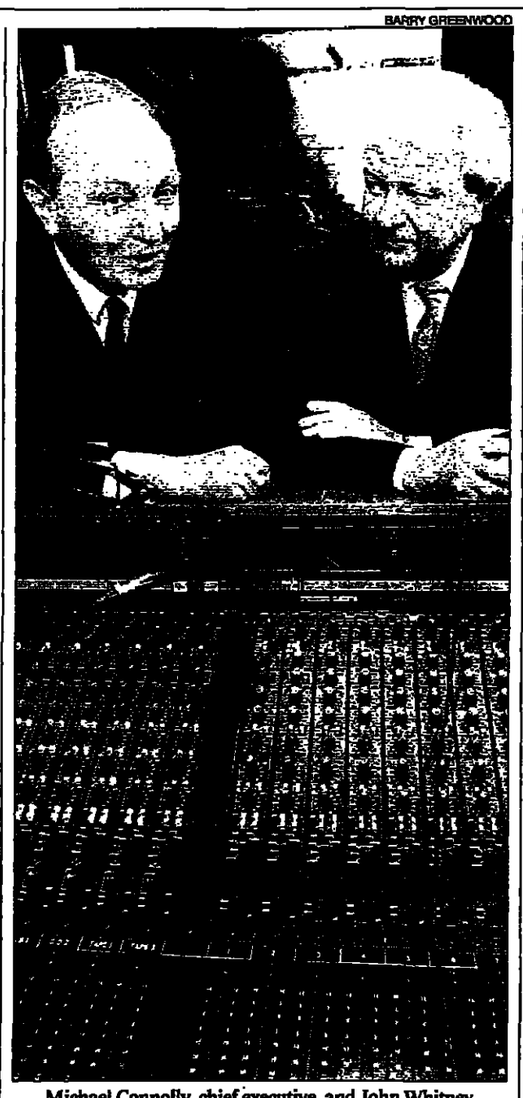
Richard Handover, managing director of Our Price since 1989, will move to another senior management position within WH Smith. The remaining directors will be Peter Troughton, managing director of British retailing at WH Smith, who will chair the board, and Trevor Abbott, managing director of Virgin Retail throughout Europe. Richard Branson, whose Virgin empire started out from a record shop in London's Oxford Street in 1970, will become president of the joint venture.

Sales of the two chains are expected to exceed £350 million in the current year. Together with music sales through WH Smith's own newsagents stores, this will give the group just under 30 per cent of the market and is therefore subject to clearance by the Office of Fair Trading. A spokesman for WH Smith was confident that there would be no referral to the Monopolies Commission. "There was no referral following the original joint venture and this is only an extension of that."

Both sides believe the two brands are complementary and insist that they will continue to have separate identities on the high street. The Virgin Megastores compete with HMV in large catchment areas; they sell a wide range of home entertainment, including videos and computer games, as well as music. The Our Price stores predominantly sell music in small to medium-size catchment areas. Further expansion of the Megastores is planned, with the addition of a further ten or more outlets in the next two years. The enlarged operation will also aim to develop the Virgin brand in a new form in middle-sized catchment areas.

Few redundancies, if any, are expected from the merger. A WH Smith spokesman said: "The deal is not about cost saving but about brand development." However, savings are expected through the merging of the two management structures and increased buying power.

The two sides forged the partnership in September 1991, though trading links date back to 1988, when WH Smith bought about 70 small record stores from Virgin. The latter then went on to concentrate on developing its Megastore format.


BARRY GREENWOOD
Michael Connolly, chief executive, and John Whitney

RBS opts for more customer contact

By Patricia Tehan
Banking Correspondent

ROYAL Bank of Scotland is following the lead of other clearing banks in getting more managers out of administration and into jobs where they have contact with customers. The bank estimates that the changes will cost £500 million over the next three years.

The shake-up will start in Glasgow and will be extended into 170 "micro markets" in Britain. RBS is also offering a 24-hour telephone banking service to all customers in the next few weeks.

RBS yesterday unveiled the first stage of its plans, the £20 million package of measures aimed at improving service to its customers in Glasgow.

The bank plans to refurbish branches, put in more automatic cash machines — including installing machines at supermarkets and petrol stations — and set up specialist mortgage shops.

Managers will be released from normal branch administration and given a small number of business customers to look after. They will spend four years in their posts so that customers do not feel they are moving around too quickly.

That compares with instances where managers were spending as little as a year in their jobs. Administration procedures are being centralised.

The bank said that although fewer staff would needed to run the new branch network, job reductions would be within levels previously announced. In April 1992, the bank said that it planned to cut 3,500 jobs. To date, 2,000 have gone.

RBS has been running a telephone banking pilot, called Direct Banking, in Dundee, parts of the north west of England and the South East since April last year.

The bank said that 15 per cent of its customer base, 18,000 customers, in those areas had used the service.

TWC targets London

TRANS World Communications, the commercial radio group, wants to start broadcasting in London and will apply for an FM licence in the capital this spring. TWC, which currently owns three local radio stations in the North of England and one in South Wales, said the application will be on a popular format which it hopes will attract large audiences.

News of the intended expansion came as the group said it raised pre-tax profits to £1.7 million in 1993 from £1.1 million previously. John Whitney, the chairman, said: "We are in a period with great prospects for radio sales and we are well placed to take advantage of opportunities."

The dividend is increased 0.8p to 1.3p on unchanged earnings per share of 3.1p.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Coal Investments raises £10m to reopen mines

COAL Investments yesterday unveiled the details of a £10.3 million placing and rights issue that will finance its restoration of mining at two former British Coal pits in the Midlands. The company proposes to raise the money through a placing of 6.16 million new ordinary shares at 65p each, subject to the open offer of £5.8 million of loan stock at 60p, and a rights issue of 6.15 million new ordinary shares at 65p each. One warrant will also be issued with every four new ordinary shares and with every £1.91 nominal of loan stock.

After the placing and rights issue, Coal Investments will have an enlarged stock market value of £30 million. The board said it believed the placing would broaden the institutional shareholder base of Coal Investments, the shares of which will remain suspended until shareholders have approved the capital-raising plans. Coal Investments, headed by Malcolm Edwards, the former British Coal marketing director, has agreed terms to take 15-year licences to operate Coventry colliery and Hem Heath colliery, part of Trentham mine, in north Staffordshire.

ECC buys in America

ENGLISH China Clays has expanded its North American aggregates interests by paying $31.5 million cash for Kost Brothers, based in Fargo Moorhead on the North Dakota/Minnesota border. Kost is an aggregates, ready-mixed concrete, contracting, coated stone and building block manufacturer. The deal will complement ECC's existing regional operations based in Denver, Colorado, and Minneapolis/St Paul, Minnesota. Kost reported a $3.3 million operating profit last year. Net assets being acquired were approximately $17 million at 1994 balance sheet date, before revaluation of fixed assets. ECC shares eased 5p to 490p.

Freeman lifts profits

FREEMAN Group, the insulation distributor and contractor subject to a £19 million agreed bid by Sheffield Insulations, increased pre-tax profits to £1 million in 1993 from £496,000 in 1992. Earnings, calculated under the FRS3 standard, were 10.4p a share, up from 2.7p. There is a second interim dividend of 4p, making 6p for the year, up from 5p. Turnover rose to £64.3 million, from £58.6 million, and operating profits to £1.66 million, from £1.47 million. British operations returned to profit, but trading conditions in France and Belgium were more difficult than in 1992.

Boom year for Serco

NEW contracts and the benefit from acquisitions helped lift pre-tax profits of Serco Group, the contract management concern, 30.7 per cent to £9.42 million in 1993. Net earnings were 24.9 per cent higher at 47.1p a share, and the year's dividend is raised from 14p to 17p a share. Because of the high price of the shares, which yesterday jumped 117p to £14.50, and to improve marketability, Serco is making a four-for-one capitalisation issue. Turnover last year rose 24.9 per cent to £187 million, of which 17.4 per cent came from established businesses and 7.5 per cent from acquisitions.

Comac ready to expand

COMAC Group, the information technology agency, has indicated that further acquisitions are likely. The company, forged through the £18.5 million acquisition of the much larger CSS last October, ended 1993 with cash balances of £3.4 million and with profitable trading within its two main businesses. At the pre-tax level, there was a £250,000 loss in 1993 (£395,000 profit), struck after exceptional charges of £773,000 against redundancies and reorganisation costs. There is an unchanged interim dividend of 1.5p a share, payable on April 22, in lieu of a final dividend.

Investment surge reflects confidence

NZ back on growth trail

By Colin Narbrough, World Trade Correspondent

NEW ZEALAND, after two decades of relative decline since Britain, its traditional main market, joined the European Community, has returned to robust economic growth and now aims to stock the supermarket shelves of the Asia-Pacific region with its exports, according to Bill Birch, the finance minister.

Radical policies, such as the tough counter-inflationary remit given to the New Zealand central bank, are this year expected to produce annual inflation below 1 per cent and about 5.5 per cent growth in the gross domestic product.

Mr Birch, a former labour minister, stressed that re-emerging domestic and international confidence in New Zealand was reflected in the surge in investment. Last year, manufacturing investment rose by 30 per cent as companies piled into sectors such as forestry products and food and drink.

Mr Birch — in London to meet City institutions, Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England — said that the announcement last week that Moody's, the New York debt rating agency, is to upgrade New Zealand's rating was welcome recognition of the country's success in making its economy open, flexible and monetarily stable. The highly indebted country lost its AAA rating in the early 1980s.

Higher tax revenue and lower public spending associated with the return of economic growth meant that New Zealand's fiscal deficit, the country's longstanding headache, would soon disappear, the minister said.

As the man responsible for New Zealand's now highly flexible labour market, with its general use of no-strike pay deals at plant level, Mr Birch is pleased that the economy is now seeing jobs increasing at the rate of more than 40,000 a year.

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Wine: Reserva Douro

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Wine: Barca-velha

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Wine: Tawny Port, chilled

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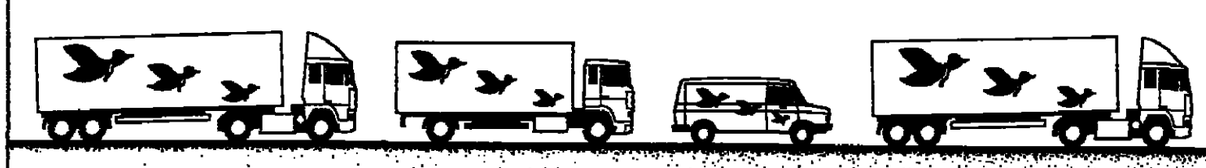
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347	116½	Bank Scotland	212	- 5	4.6	2.6	28.8
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693	313	Kleinwort Ben	550 †	- 5	18.5	4.2	∞
680	498	Lloyds	583 †	- 5	....	4.7	12.3
118	63	Lon Scot Bk	111 †	- 1	3.4	3.8	18.8
630½	322	Nat Aust Bk	548	-23½	....	4.3	13.3
634	398	Nat West	489 †	+ 4	....	4.7	12.4
573	270	Provident	504 †	+ 4	16.0	4.0	∞
61	39	Rea Bros	54	- 1	0.5	1.1	68.0
528	287	Rl Bk Scot	440	-12	....	3.1	14.9
1460	1057	Schroders	1158	-60	....	1.5	22.5
1437	576	Stand Chart	1170	-39	20.5	2.3	....
291	145½	TSB	239½	- 3½	....	4.0	16.3
206	78	Union	183	-13	3.0	2.1	∞
1023	569	Warburg SG	894	-34	....	3.9	12.5
1040½	484½	Wells Fargo	917.5	-100	....	2.9	....
260	121	Westpac	226	....	....	2.2	....
380	188	Wintrust	368 †	- 7	....	3.3	32.9

BREWERIES

697	517	Allied-Lyons	622	+ 3	....	4.3	17.3
647	441	Bass	526	+ 9	....	4.7	14.0
298	189	Boddingtons	278	....	8.0	3.7	∞
469	362	Bulmer (HP)	453	- 1	....	2.9	18.2
193	128	Burtonwood Brw	171	....	4.7	3.5	14.3
181	75	Eldridge Pope A	159	- 5	....	2.8	22.1
79½	30	Fosters Brewing	58	- 1½	....	2.6	22.0
498	328	Fuller Sm 'A's	471	-12	7.5	2.0	28.8
709	573	Grand Met	681½	+19½	....	3.4	20.9
521	347	Greenalls Grp	458	+ 5	....	3.4	15.4
584	505	Greene King	552	+ 5	....	3.6	15.9
562	388	Guinness	520	....	....	2.9	19.4
281	230	Hardy Hanson	252 †	....	....	3.2	15.2
193	135	Highland Dist	180	....	....	....	....
457	355	Highland Dist	410	- 1	3.6	3.2	30.4
2328	2538	Irish J	3163	....	42.0	1.7	20.5
186	118	Macallan-Glen	148	....	4.3	3.8	22.8
1150	965	Matlin Marin 'A'	1145	....	....	2.5	21.2
246	164	Mansfield	208	....	....	2.4	14.8
302	231	Mission Temp	280	- 1	....	2.4	16.2
396	288	Matthew Clark	348 †	- 2	....	2.3	16.1
5600	3988	Morgan W	5150	+ 2	7.0	5.8	13.4
580	455	Morland	510	....	....	2.4	17.5
12	6½	Paramount'a	11	....	....	3.7	19.8
267	145	Regent Inns	256	....	....	2.0	25.8
1523½	1376½	SA Breweries	1480½	+15½	....	2.3	19.7
591	393	Scot & Nwc	566	- 6	3.9	0.7	20.5
225	155½	Thomson Cider	159	- 6	6.2	3.9	16.8
306	213	Vaux Group	268	- 6	....	4.4	17.3
620	228	Wetherspoon JD	384	- 3	....	1.8	29.8
617	463	Wolverhampton D	574	-11	....	4.1	13.0
528	475	Young 'A'	517	....	14.7	3.6	21.4

BUILDING, ROADS

205	72	Abbey	188	-10	....	1.4	30.4
22	7	Aberdeenhme'a	20	....	....	0.5	....
200	87	Alfeca	192	....	....	3.1	13.5
164	65	Amec	155	- 3	3.0	3.4	28.7
15½	4	Anglia Sec	12 ¤	....	....	....	....
454	150	Ashtead	427 †	- 5	....	1.4	28.5
165	101	Alfred McAlp	162	+ 4	....	3.9	....
163	100	BPB Ind	146	- 4	....	3.8	10.1
127	57	Baggeridge Brk	124	....	....	3.2	37.3
41	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	37	....	0.6	2.0	....
108	68	Barcrest	88	....	....	4.5	10.1
90	49	Barratt	85	- 1	2.0	2.4	20.0
282	94	Barratt Devs	267	- 6	....	2.2	25.8
304	152½	Beazley	274	- 3	....	2.7	25.8
59	15	Bellwinch	53	....	....	....	....
254	98	Bernard Ind	239 †	....	....	3.5	12.8
573	359½	Berkeley Gp	540	- 5	....	1.4	20.1
156	45	Ben Bros	156	+ 1	....	1.6	20.1
68	36	Blackleys	78	....	1.0	1.6	....
391	169	Blue Circle	344	+ 1	....	4.1	....
385	220	Boot (Henry)	340	....	6.0	2.2	19.0
117	78	Bovis Pic	100	....	4.6	5.3	35.8
574	270	Br Dredging	546	- 3	52.5	4.5	12.4
98	45	Brit Pkings	95	....	1.7	2.3	....
1959	99	Bryant	178 †	- 2	....	3.4	27.1
146	53	CALA	143	- 2	....	2.0	....
200	128	CRH	174	- 9	....	2.5	∞
70	18	Cahrdwrd Rty	35	....	....	....	....
42	21	Cascade	37	....	....	....	....
185	89½	Countryside	172 †	....	....	3.0	∞
208	151	Crest Nicholson	190 †	- 1	....	1.1	....
140	72	Crest Nic	125	....	....	1.0	....
29	15	Edmond Hdgs	29½	....	0.3	1.0	....
300	178	Egerton	300	....	7.0	2.9	25.4
82	32	Erith	73	....	0.3	0.6	....
326	283	Eve Group	288 †	....	....	2.8	17.3
97	57	Fairclough Cns	92	....	6.0	3.5	35.8
60	38	Galliford	58	....	....	2.6	....
102	52	Gibbs & Dandy	93	....	....	2.7	....
1028	695	Gleeson (M.J)	1018	....	....	1.6	17.7
1739	75	Hawden-Stuart	157	- 2	....	1.2	33.6
72	37	Hewetson	71 †	....	....	3.1	37.7
470	173	Heywd Wms	432	- 1	13.0	3.0	....
145	37	Higgs & Hill	126	....	2.5	2.5	....
38	26	How Gp	29	....	....	4.8	....
20	15	Howard Hdgs	17	....	....	4.8	....
180	39	Ibstock Johnsen	91	- 2	1.0	1.4	....
25	12½	Jarvis	22½	....	....	....	....
428	196	Laing (J)	399	- 2	9.0	2.8	16.0
164	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	149	- 1½	....	5.4	....
146	55	Ln Clydesdale	144	- 1	....	1.4	28.3
220	120	Lovell (T)	143	....	....	....	....
405	246	Manders	363	- 1	6.3	3.2	22.2
213½	93	Marley	178	- 6	4.3	2.9	52.2
155	61	Marshalls	138 †	....	....	3.6	34.2
350	152	Maunders (J)	251	....	....	2.6	34.2
183	96	McAlpine (A)	317 †	....	6.5	2.6	∞
82½	23	McCarthy & S	71	- 0.5	0.9	1.2	....
369	272	Meyer Int	300	-10	....	2.5	30.1
190	62	Mowlem (J)	187	+ 1	4.0	2.1	....
57	51	NSM	207	- 5	....	....	....
81	41	Needler a	41	....	....	4.4	19.1
106	105	Newman Tnks	168	- 7	....	5.0	22.4
382	197	Persimmon	340	- 1	8.6	3.1	35.3
36	9	Phoenix Timber	17	....	....	....	....
1780p	1235½	Pochins	1790p	....	20.0	2.0	25.5
1070	552	Ransc Cty	981	- 1	....	2.7	35.0
117	75½	Ratcliffe Ind	97	- 1½	....	2.6	20.9
40	18	Ramsaw	35	....	....	....	....
640	402	Redland	573	-13	25.0	5.5	33.3
86	64	Rmkd	74	....	4.3	7.3	10.8
371	297	Rugby Group	330	- 3	9.4	3.5	24.5
1020	778	Ryarsh-Sve'a	1020	....	....	2.8	22.5
189	68	Sharpe & Fisher	169	....	....	3.0	29.4
288	169½	Sheffield Ind	250	....	....	2.7	21.4
364	82	Sheriff Hdgs	253	....	....	1.9	24.1
248	145	Shorco	189	- 1	5.2	6.0	24.8
345	196	Smart (J)	330	....	....	4.4	18.1
19	14	Stancomb	5	....	....	....	....
209½	100	Tarmac	196	....	9.5	3.5	....
257	151	Tay Homes	255	- 1	....	2.0	31.5
185	85	Taylor Woodrw	171	- 4	1.0	0.7	....
780	433	Tilbury Dougls	743	-12	33.0	3.6	24.2
60	19	Toren Hire	53 †	....	....	1.6	....
370	168	Travis Perkins	324	- 6	8.0	3.1	37.1
29	5½	Trowbridge	23	- 1	....	....	....
43	25	Ty Group	32	....	1.0	3.8	9.3
28	21	Tysilva	21	....	....	2.5	....
113	41	Vibroplant	108	- 2	2.5	2.5	38.1
74	39	Ward Hdgs	66	....	....	....	....
45	35	Waterhouse	43	....	....	....	....
478	305	Wates	470	....	....	3.2	20.3
225½	92	Westbury	214	- 1	5.0	2.3	33.4
7	3	Wiggins	6	....	....	....	....
571	362	Wilson Bowdn	558	+ 1	....	2.0	39.1
259	147	Wilson (C)	232	- 2	3.9	2.1	40.2
248	104	Wimpey G	232	+ 2	....	2.9	....
42	15	YRM	28	....	....	....	....

BUSINESS SERVICES

740	483	ADT	675	- 5	....	....	....
423	196	Adam & Harvey	423	....	13.0	3.8	7.7
62	30	Air Londons	62	- 1	3.5	8.5	12.0
52	37	Alston Tabes	61	....	2.0	4.1	....
118	93	Asso Sec	131	- 2	....	3.8	23.5
84	54	BET Ord	134	- 5	....	2.1	5.4
145	41	BMB Res	142	....	4.9	4.3	....
165	89	Bredero	148	....	8.3	4.2	13.7
354	154	BSM	348	....	....	4.8	18.0
285	195	Barbour Index	229 †	....	8.1	4.7	14.9
38	15	Bousted	21	- 1	0.7	4.2	....
269	184	Brit Data Mgt	238	- 7	4.2	2.7	16.0
29	13	Brooks Service	20	....	....	3.9	12.3
117	86	CRT Gp	114½	- ½	....	1.2	20.6
208	149½	Capita Group	206	- 6	2.5	1.6	∞
59	31	Clarke Pic	59½	....	....	2.1	30.6
85	18½	Chiltern Capital	85	-6½	....	....	....
85	28	Christie	85	....	....	....	....
623	238	Chubb Sec	588	....	....	1.7	24.0
91	61	Comac	105	- 5	....	1.8	27.4
97	64	Corp Services	92	- 5	0.2	0.6	∞
70	30	Comm Cnslg	64	....	....	....	....
179	50	Dart	157	....	3.3	2.6	21.3
216	198	Data Service	208	- 4	....	3.9	19.5
154	88	DW Facia	142	....	4.4	3.9	16.3
34	11	Gardiner	28	....	....	3.6	12.3
334	215	Hays	305	- 6	....	2.2	20.6
70	32	Hogg Robinsn	283	....	....	3.0	20.6
80	52	Holmes Protcon	73	....	....	....	....
365½	272	Hoskyns	348	-10½	....	1.8	22.8
2896½	975	ISS D Dkr	2512½	- 9½	....	0.8	17.4
537	475	Inchcape	543	+ 1	....	3.3	17.2
1035	669	Johnson Clean	1025	- 2	25.7	3.1	22.3
24	7½	Logica	24	....	....	....	....
345	173	Mitie Gp	340 †	- 1	4.0	1.4	24.9
1245½	885½	Manpower	1238½	-15½	....	....	....
78½	40½	Michael Page	76½	....	1.8	2.9	32.5
270	188	Pennon	209	....	8.0	6.2	4.1
2	2	Prime Proprie'a	2½	....	....	....	....
142	57	Prondisc	70	- 1	....	2.9	....
451	337	RCO	389 †	+ 1	15.2	4.8	13.4
118	86	Reed Executive	114	....	....	....	....
399	218	Reliance Sec	330	....	4.5	4.5	34.1
246	181	Rentokil	232	- 4	2.5	1.2	31.4
368	228	Rolfe & Nolan	328	....	....	2.8	22.5
298	238	Salvesen (C)	278	- 3	....	3.5	18.5
58	26	Scott Pickford'a	55	....	0.8	1.8	17.5
17½	5	Select Appt'a	12½	....	....	....	....
1462	695	Serco Gp	1450	+117	17.0	1.5	∞
252	85	Sherrell Comps	85	....	....	10.3	2.5
150	90	Skrenkey	114	....	....	3.3	26.1
353	310	Wanner Howard	335	- 1	6.6	2.5	17.5
45	27	Welpac	38	- 1	....	....	....
30½	14	Wills Gp	29½	- ½	....	1.8	19.9

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

280	210	Allied Colloids	264	- 4	....	2.1	24.3
1064	613	Amersham	1041	- 5	....	1.7	20.6
7	1½	Anglo Ind	3½	....	....	....	....
5119½	4525	BASF Dbl	5113½	+262½	....	5.5	....
373	198	BTP	337	....	....	3.5	25.1
1444½	1101½	Bayer DM50	1339½	-250	....	3.8	....
185	116	Biggin	171	2	6.5	4.8	18.4
98	93	Brent Chems	118	- 3	....	7.6	10.8
520	340	Br Bio-Tech	415	....	....	....	....
39	5	Calrd Gp	10½	....	....	....	20.0
169	126	Canning (W)	157	....	7.2	5.1	20.3
425	388	Cantab Pharms	401	- 2	....	....	....
208	151	Courtaulds	198	+ 1	....	3.5	12.8
381	228	Cyrda	381	+ 1	....	2.6	21.9
148	103	Dnelles	131	- 1	4.8	4.4	10.0
282	175	Ellis & Everard	253 †	- 2	....	3.6	21.2
45	15½	Exto Colour	39½	....	0.8	2.0	18.9
382	259	Halstead (J)	345	....	....	2.4	17.2
241	170	Hickson	199	+ 8	....	5.0	18.5
115p	88p	Hoechst	111½	-5½	....	3.2	....
259	152	Holliday Chem	210	....	....	2.2	10.3
815	618	ICI	730	-10	....	4.8	53.5
845	576	Laporte	824	+ 9	19.9	3.1	22.5
248	181	Lesdo	222	- 1	....	4.4	19.5
67½	35	MTM	65	....	....	....	....
2480	1462½	Monk Hydn	2280	-67½	....	1.4	∞
620	370	Paterson Zoch	588	-10	....	3.6	20.4
595	380	-do- 'A'	574	- 9	....	2.7	19.6
250	180	Plysu	244	- 3	....	2.6	20.8
300	173	Purvale	296 †	....	4.2	1.5	∞

DRAPERY, STORES

102	53	Alexon	73	- 1	....	5.1	....
248	173	Alders	230	....	....	4.4	....
430	257	Argos Plc	349	- 4	....	3.3	17.1
25	8	Ashley Group	9	....	....	2.6	29.8
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	92	- 3	0.1	0.1	....
357	278	Asprey	337	....	8.2	1.9	21.7
199	94	Austin Reed	187	- 4	....	4.7	....
168	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	163	- 1	....	4.1	18.4
150	94	Bestalls	142	- 2	1.9	1.7	....
278	125	Betterware	148	- 8	....	1.8	17.5
47	22	Blacks Leis	39	....	2.2	7.2	....
261½	133	Body Shop	233	- 4	....	0.9	30.0
10½	6½	Brown & Jackson	8½	- ½	....	1.1	4.5
491	318	Brown (N)	441	- 8	....	2.5	25.9
87½	51	Burton	54½	- ½	....	4.6	....
245	126	Cantors	220	....	....	2.2	31.9
320	250	Church	434	....	12.5	3.6	38.6
183	97	Clinton Cards	164	....	4.3	3.3	19.8
287	212	Chats Vyella	257	- 4	....	3.1	15.5
120	78	Colourspread	98 †	- 1	5.6	8.2	15.3
210	156	City Casuals	167	....	....	3.1	15.5
378	296	Coorns Furnish	324 †	....	5.6	0.8	11.0
210	115	Crown Eyes	210	....	7.5	4.5	14.4
137	80	Daisy Plain Ind	109½	- 3	....	3.6	14.7
109½	51½	Dewhirst (J)	108	....	0.8	0.9	34.7
293	180	Dixons Grp	214	- 1	....	3.7	....
21	8	ERA Gp	10	....	....	....	....
580	400	Elys (Wimbldon)	580	....	16.0	3.5	19.0
284	71	Ekins Penn	227 †	....	....	1.8	43.4
273	203	Exam	233	- 2	2.0	3.2	27.4
608	499	Fine Art Dev	508	- 1	13.0	3.2	16.5
78	28	Fred Earth Tiles	48	....	....	....	....
713	498	Forminster	710	....	14.5	2.6	12.9
180	24	French Conn'a	139	- 1	....	....	....
74	43	Gent Str	70	- 3	....	4.0	21.8
100	23	Goldsmiths Gp	91	- 1	0.3	0.4	30.3
650	534	GUS	593 †	- 4	....	2.4	18.2
60	21	Hampden Grp'a	28	....	....	5.0	12.4
277	20	Harrison	24	- 2	....	....	....
359	20	Hebese Plc	29½	....	2.0	8.5	13.9
110	29	Heritage'a	92	....	....	....	....
91	35	Honeysuckles	86	....	....	3.7	12.5
83	63	Jacques Vert	191 †	....	....	2.3	14.6
703	486	Kingfisher	587	- 1	....	3.0	20.2
88	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	81 †	....	4.0	6.2	∞
695	495	Liberty	643	- 3	7.3	1.7	43.6
243	141	Lloyds Chem	243	- 3	....	2.6	12.1
220	120	MFI	166	- 3½	....	2.9	25.5
463½	346	Marks Spencer	417½	- 5½	....	3.6	15.3
685	448	Mendelss (Robert	674 †	....	....	2.2	17.0
288	135	Moss Bros	284	....	3.5	2.4	21.2
251	139½	Next	237	+ 4½	3.5	2.0	25.9
42	15	Oliver (G)	40	....	....	....	....
335	197	Ottakar Ind	280	....	....	4.4	13.7
63	24	Penine	38	....	0.8	2.6	7.9
313	185	QS Hldgs	265	....	....	5.1	2.4
69½	20½	Rhino Grp'a	38	+ 4	....	....	....
200	120	Rosebys	200	....	....	2.9	25.0
181	135	Sherwood Gp	172	....	....	1.9	15.5
132	93	Sears	119	- 3	....	3.7	47.9
41½	11	Signet Group	37½	+ ½	....	....	....
542	403	Smith (WH 'A'	501	+ 1	....	3.7	16.2
127	83	-do- B	121½	- ½	....	3.7	16.6
21	4½	Specialeyes'a	13	....	....	....	....
188	121	Stanbrook	233	- 3	....	2.7	21.0
42	22	Newmark (L)	35	....	....	2.9	7.9
358	58	Northn'a	356	+ 3	....	0.5	27.6
73	30	Northumber	58	- 2	0.6	1.3	....
11	3	Oceonics	9½	....	....	....	....
358	195	Oxford Inst	357	....	....	4.6	26.0
77	31	P & P	77	....	....	2.0	34.4
98	55	Peek	91	- 2	....	3.4	47.8
358	115	Pegasus	211	- 4	....	3.0	∞
1094½	900p	Philips Fin 9%	1104½	....	....	....	....
1678½	725	-do- Long rv	1345½	-344½	....	....	....
435	211	Pinnacle'a	435	....	....	....	....
338	171½	Pitco	338 †	....	....	1.6	28.1
1515	45	-do- 'A' Voting	325 †	....	....	1.6	29.2
63	31	Plasmec	61	- 2	3.0	4.8	8.8
121	76	Pressac	115	....	....	2.6	21.1
261	81	Polma	251	....	2.5	1.4	61.4
261	147	Racal Elect	234	....	4.2	2.4	13.3
70	30	Radamec	68	....	....	3.9	10.3
160	77	Radford	114	- 1	2.2	2.6	11.1
114	61	Real Time a	103	- 1	....	3.8	25.1
629	367	Sage Gp	540	- 2	....	2.3	18.6
350	222	Sanderson Elec	345	....	9.9	3.6	14.7
89	39	Seagrotech	86	....	3.1	4.6	23.5
210	117	Schelm Grp	200	....	....	2.5	29.9
375	220	Sema Gp	371	- 1	3.1	1.0	∞
235	235	Sewomex	264	....	5.9	2.8	30.3
49	29	Silverstone	43	....	....	2.9	....
27	12	Stanndtracks	25 †	- 1	2.4	3.5	∞
3962p	1737p	TDK	2855p	-90p	....	1.1	32.5
37	4½	TDS Circuits	13½	- 1½	....	....	....
180	80	Telemetrix	132	- 3	0.8	0.8	21.9
292	178	Telgroup	268	- 2	....	1.5	31.3
1154	779	Thorn EMI	1002 †	- 4	....	3.7	28.1
181	98	Thorpe FW	181	....	....	3.3	6.0
108	23	Total Systems'a	34	- 1	1.5	5.5	6.0
308	186	Tunstall	280	....	....	1.5	∞
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357	267	Vodafone	585	-24	....	1.6	25.4
483	368	Volex	478	....	18.1	4.8	19.3
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733½	590	Eastern Elect	652 †	- 7	....	3.9	12.4
489½	304	Hyder	477 †	- 7	....	3.7	12.9
733½	404	London Elect	637	- 5	....	4.2	12.0
850	458	Manweb	738 †	- 5	....	3.7	6.2
1050	574	Midlands Elec	668 †	- 6	....	4.0	10.4
1010	723	National Power	878	- 8	....	2.9	11.8
801	640	Northern Elec	674 †	- 8	....	3.0	11.4
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482	285	Scottish Power	412 †	- 5	....	3.5	15.3
435	218	Seeboard	345	- 8	....	3.8	10.7
1025	698	Sth Wales	719	- 1	....	4.0	11.0
743	439	Sth Western	648 †	+ 4	....	4.1	9.6
1035	805	Southern Elec	861 †	-14	....	4.0	8.6
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Prudent HK lifts budget surplus

FROM REUTER IN HONG KONG

HONG Kong registered a budget surplus of HK$15.1 billion (£1.31 billion) in the year ending March 31.

Hamish Macleod, the Financial Secretary, said in his budget speech that "a major reason for our success is that we have not succumbed to the temptation to spend money simply because we have it". A year ago, Mr Macleod predicted a budget deficit of HK$3.4 billion.

He said unexpectedly strong stock and property markets and buoyant exports, thanks partly to the colony's ties with southern China's booming economy, resulted in bumper revenues. Also contributing was underspending on public utilities, largely due to the political impasse with Peking over how to finance Hong Kong's planned new airport.

Mr Macleod budget measures pared corporate tax one percentage point to 16.5 per cent and cut the unpopular airport departure tax by two-thirds to HK$50. Nearly two million lower income earners had their salaries tax burden cut, a quarter of them to zero.

Despite tax breaks and public expenditure in 1994-95 set to rise to HK$174 billion — *but at a pace* below the economic growth rate of 5.5 per cent — Mr Macleod said reserves will keep snowballing, forecasting HK$7.7 billion will be added to fiscal reserves in 1994-95.

Inflation remains a worry with the consumer price index expected to rise 8.5 per cent again in the coming year.

Hong Kong can expect to take a dowry of about HK$269 billion when it returns to China on July 1, 1997.

JOHN MANNING



Denis Cassidy, left, with Hubert Reid, managing director of Boddington, where trading is ahead of last year's

Boddington serves up sharply higher profits

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

■ Pre-tax profits at Boddington Group raced ahead but trading conditions remain difficult and the underlying trend is flat, with pub beer volumes in decline

BODDINGTON, the public house and wholesale drinks group that withdrew from brewing in 1989, boosted full-year pre-tax profits sharply and said that current trading *was ahead of last year.*

However, the shares added only 1p to 276p, as the gains were inflated by exceptional items, principally a £14.7 million profit on the sale of a stake in Devenish, the West Country public house operator. Boddington was left with the holding after a failed takeover bid in 1991.

That profit, allied to a £2.4 million lower interest charge, meant that headline pre-tax profits in the year to January 2, 1994, rose to £41.2 million, against £22 million in the previous 53 weeks, although a difficult business climate held trading profits on continuing *activities static at £32.7 million* (£32.4 million). Boddington's 475 public houses suffered a beer volume decline of 3.1 per cent, offset by a 17 per cent increase in food sales. Food now accounts for 15 per cent of Boddington's total sales.

The division as a whole saw profits fall slightly to £21.8 million, against £22.7 million, although last year had the benefit of an extra week's trading.

Boddington added its voice to other British public house operators complaining of competition from cheap drink coming from across the Channel. But Hubert Reid, managing *director, said that northern* public house operators were probably less affected than their southern counterparts.

Denis Cassidy, chairman, said he hoped that the Government would eventually reduce the disparity between excise duties on each side of the Channel, although he doubted that equalisation would ever happen.

Trading profits at Boddington's leisure hotels rose from £1.6 million to £2.8 million, with average occupancy rates of 70 per cent — up 5 per cent. Meanwhile, profits at the drinks wholesaling and healthcare divisions trod water, at £7.5 million and £3.2 million respectively.

Mr Reid said there was anecdotal evidence that the price wars that have affected the drinks wholesaling sector were easing, although Boddington's individual business *had managed to cut its bad* debts.

He added that the nursing homes had been partly hit by the introduction of the Community Care Act last April, when local authorities became responsible for assessing needs and delivering services.

The level of admissions had reduced temporarily, but occupancy levels recovered to reach 93.8 per cent by the end of the year.

A final dividend of 5.17p makes a total of 8.03p — up 10 per cent. Earnings per share rose from 14.1p to 29p.

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Hollas to raise cash for takeovers

BY MARTIN BARROW

THE Hollas Group, the textiles importer and mail order group, is raising £17.3 million through a rights issue to finance two acquisitions, the first since new management moved into the company.

Hollas has agreed to buy Textilion, which makes and distributes clothing to retail chains, for £5 million, and JB Hunter Group, the holding company of Edward Macbean, which manufactures foul-weather clothing, for up to £4.5 million. In addition, Hollas will assume Textilion's net debts of £5.6 million and Hunter's net debts of £1.3 million.

Hollas is offering five new shares for every four held at 25p a share, compared with the current market price of 32½p. The rights issue is fully underwritten by Charterhouse Tilney Securities.

The acquisitions are the first since the arrival of Julian Lee as chief executive last October. Mr Lee, non-executive chairman of Carpetland, presided over the successful sale of Bricom, formerly a management buyout from British and Commonwealth and then spent a year at agricultural college before considering a return to business.

Mr Lee said: "These transactions represent our first steps in the development of The Hollas Group. The enlarged group will benefit from a clear management structure, *enhanced sourcing and distri*bution strength and, most importantly, a focused strategy for growth."

Textilion, with interests in ladieswear, knitwear and childrenswear, was a management buy-in in 1989. In the year to the end of February 1993 it made an operating profit of £442,000 on turnover of £19.5 million. Net assets were £2.2 million.

Over the same period, Hunter earned operating profits of £627,000 on turnover of £6.85 million.

Hollas promises to pay a final 0.3p a share, making 0.6p for the year.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Move to more overseas production lifts Gent

A STRONG performance from its manufacturing operations helped SR Gent, the Marks and Spencer clothing supplier, lift pre-tax profits 22 per cent from £986,000 to £1.2 million for the six months to December 31. Peter Wolff, *chairman, said the rise was due to the benefits of having* shifted more production overseas in the past two years. About 40 per cent of production is now based in Sri Lanka. The continuing strength of Marks and Spencer was also a factor, he said.

The Susan Woolf retail chain made losses, because of the costs of setting up the stores, currently numbering 28. Mr Wolff believes the chain should be in profit next year as it reaches the critical mass of about 35 stores needed to break even. The British stores have performed well, but sales in the five outlets in continental Europe have been hit by recession. Mr Wolff said orders for the current season are encouraging and predicted improving prospects for the group. The interim dividend is lifted from 0.75p to 0.90p, an increase of 20 per cent.

Nottingham for listing

NOTTINGHAM Group Holdings, supplier of educational products to schools, and of rehabilitation and mobility aids, plans to be listed on the Stock Exchange on March 30 after a placing and intermediaries offer of shares. Pricing details have yet to be announced. The company made pre-tax profits of £7.29 million in the year ended December 31, on turnover of £47.3 million, compared with profits of £7.08 million on a £48.3 million turnover in 1992. Nottingham was a £36.8 million management buyout from Coats Viyella in 1989. The products division offers about 14,000 products through 35 catalogues, and the rehabilitation division sells some 6,000 products.

BWD Securities ahead

BWD SECURITIES, the broking and financial services group, increased its pre-tax profits 77 per cent to £3 million in the year to November 31. Earnings per share were 73 per cent higher at 11.1p. The dividend has been increased 25 per cent, from 3.2p to 4p. The company said that its BWD Rensburg broker and Capital for Companies, its Business Expansion Scheme and venture capital subsidiary, achieved significant returns on capital. Christopher Broadbent, the chief executive, said that, with the demise of the BES last *December, Capital for Companies is looking into Govern*ment proposals relating to the Enterprise Investment Scheme and Venture Capital Investment Trusts.

Plea for aluminium

BRIAN Turner, president of the Aluminium Federation, said yesterday at a House of Lords lunch that order needs to be restored to world aluminium markets. Mr Turner, referring to the explosion in Russian aluminium exports that has caused chaotic trading conditions, said current talks in Canada between the CIS, European and other governments might help restore order to unsettled markets. He said the aluminium industry was depressed but that there was growing use of aluminium in manufacturing processes, of which Audi's new all-aluminium car was an encouraging example. He called for further industry consultation over environmental legislation.

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ACCOUNTANCY

Dilemma over revaluation

BY KERON BHATTACHARYA

IN THE mid-Sixties when Jim Slater, in full blood, was taking over one company after another and selling them piecemeal — unbundling as we call it in current jargon — we became aware of many companies possessing properties which were worth far more than the stock market valuation of the entire set-up.

Alarmed by the predators, we started revaluing the properties. Soon enough, especially with the advent of the CCA, we were encouraged to revalue plant and machinery as well.

Some companies, such as BOC, followed this fashionable route. It made some business sense. Overnight the gearing (debt/equity ratio) improved and allowed the company to borrow more money.

In the Eighties, when profit-making became the catchword, these companies re-introduced the old method of historic accounting to avert charging extra depreciation.

The path to revaluation is littered with confusion. No doubt the Accounting Standards Board, in its singular effort to discourage any massaging of figures, has formulated its current ruling (FRS3) so that if you revalue your asset, the surplus through revaluation being unrealised profit, goes into the revaluation reserve and not to profit. However, if you sell that asset and the amount raised is less than the revalued sum, it does not matter how much excess amount you have included in the revaluation reserve for it, you must show the difference through your profit.

The harshness of this ruling is undeniable. But does it achieve its stated objective? If you think that FRS3 has elminated every confusion from our life, I am afraid you are wide of the mark. The recent case of Trafalgar House illustrates how the profession is divided on this issue.

Trafalgar House in 1991 down-valued its properties by £102.7 million and adjusted the reserves, instead of showing the deficit as a loss. The Financial Reporting Review Panel took the company to task and made it revise its 1991 profit.

This prompted the Insititute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales investigation committee to consider disciplinary actions against the directors of the company and Touche Ross, its auditor. Alas, the committee's verdict was far from establishmentarian, for it concluded that there was no case against the company. What is more, the institute is now asking the Review Panel to delineate its reasoning for any future diktat.

We know that the problem on the question of revaluation is twofold — goodwill and revaluing assets. Whether goodwill should be written off at all is a different question. The major dichotomy for business corporations is the FRS3's insistence that when you revalue your asset, the excess shall have to go through the revaluation surplus, but the deficit (as in Trafalgar House's case) must hit the bottom line, even if the asset in question has initially been up-valued and only now down-valued to keep up with the market trend.

An informal discussion with a senior executive of a leading retailer revealed to me a new dilemma. He claims that up and down the country his company has properties which should be down valued and in many cases disposed of, but it is postponing the decision for fear of showing a big loss in its profit and loss account.

The FRS3's ruling on this score hardly makes sense. Without doubt, it is an overkill. Of course, the method that we followed previously — using the Revaluation Surplus Reserve (or more appropriately the Capital Reserve) as a bucket account — should not be condoned.

A better response to this dilemma will be to treat each asset on its own merit and if the asset has been revalued, the revaluation surplus should first be used to wipe out any deficiency arising from down-valuing before the deficit is allowed to hit the bottom line. It is not surprising that the institute's investigation committee found it difficult to dislodge Touche Ross's argument on the Trafalgar House case. Who says common sense has no place in modern Britain?

☐ *The author is an independent business consultant. His book,* Accountancy's Faulty Sums *(Macmillan), was published in 1992.*

ALAN WELLER



Keron Bhattacharya says the FRS3 ruling on revaluation is harsh to the point of overkill

Casting a clearer eye over Pacioli's legacy

PACIOLI fever this week reaches Edinburgh. Last week, the Franciscan friar, who codified the principles of double-entry bookkeeping in 1494, turned up on the steps of the English ICA's headquarters in London, shook the president's hand and distributed leaflets about an exhibition of his life's work.

Edinburgh is less given to such displays of deliberate publicity. It is unlikely to have actors dressed up as friars pestering people on Queen Street. But that is not to say that the two-day Festival of Accounting, being held by the Scots ICA to celebrate Pacioli's achievement and legacy, is not without a feverish tremor or two. A book, *The Flaming Torch*, is to be published and the second day's events are dubbed "A Torch For The Future".

At this stage, many may be asking what is going on. Florid language and a display of passion are not what the profession normally gets up to. The answer is simple. When a profession is under fire, it seems terribly important to lengthen and strengthen its history. If an opportunity arises to show that, instead of being a Victorian invention to help out in an insolvency crisis, the profession has its forbears stretching back to the great names of the Italian Renaissance, then it will be used.

And so it is. The excellent exhibition at the English ICA provides a lively introduction and background to Pacioli's life and times. But it also suggests that the English ICA and the accounting profession it dominates are the natural progeny of Pacioli's line. It also, and here Edinburgh may disagree, suggests that "the development of the profession culminated in the founding of the English ICA in 1880". Now accounting methods can be creative, or experimental, or downright conventional. But it is difficult to see how the English institute's founding in 1880 can predate that of the Scots in 1854.

But the accounting bodies should look back at the legacy of Luca Pacioli with a clearer and disinterested eye. If you visit Sansepolcro in Umbria, where Pacioli was born, apprenticed and died, you find a plaque to him in the main square. But it is only eight lines down the list of his achievements that you find *invento la scrittura doppia commercial*. Double-entry bookkeeping, quite rightly, comes towards the bottom of a list that starts with his role as a friend and adviser to Leonardo da Vinci.



ROBERT BRUCE

Even accountants must understand that to have studied under Piero Della Francesca, profoundly influenced Leonardo, probably influenced and taught Durer, and thoroughly annoyed Erasmus are achievements which suggest that Pacioli was far from being a blinkered beancounter.

The lessons are straightforward. Professor Richard Macve, in his opening contribution to Edinburgh's Pacioli seminar today, puts his finger on it. "At first sight, Pacioli's *De Scripturus* seems a universe away from the latest jargon-filled book on strategic international marketing, suitable for today's [if not for 1494's] aspiring businessman. But for the successful exploitation of 'substance' [the first of his three 'necessities' for carrying on business'] his imposition of rule and order through systematic double-entry book-keeping may be more significant than is now fashionable to suppose." Macve argues, using Foucault's idea of "systems which quietly order us about", that Pacioli's work "is at the beginning of the line of those disciplinary systems which modern man has now internalised".

"By intellectualising" double-entry book-keeping, Pacioli, argues Macve, "gave the mass of detail a simplicity and reproductibility, so that knowledge could be transmitted and refined into a basic idea".

The importance of accounting is that the system provides the discipline on which freedom can be based. In San Sepolcro, Piero Della Francesca's great painting of "The Resurrection", painted while Pacioli was studying with him, is one of the first paintings to show how a profound understanding of perspective and mathematics can free the image and give it great power.

On a more mundane level, a restaurant in the countryside near by, the Castello di Sorci, confirms the theory. Local food is prepared and served at a competitive price, in surroundings that look as though they have not changed since Pacioli's day. But look closer and notice the discreet, but numerous, computer terminals. The good price and the glory of the food is enabled by an unseen but tight accounting control.

This is what accountants should be thinking about this week. The importance of using their ability to build and create rather than simply shore up their careers and reputations is what Pacioli's legacy is all about.

On their best behaviour but . . .

THE launch of the English ICA's annual survey of UK reporting practice is normally notable for some good old knockabout disagreement between its two editors. Len Skerratt, professor of accounting at the University of Manchester, and David Tonkin, managing director of *Company Reporting*, the monthly newsletter, get along fine, but have different views on significant areas of financial reporting. Traditionally, the launch party consists of a "Len 'n' Dave" show as they strive to put each other to rights. This year they were well behaved, leading some to assume that hatchets have been buried. I can report that this is not the case. Only one name appears in the preface.

Getting the bird

INSOLVENCY experts, the so-called "vultures" of the profession, are used to tough assignments — angry mobs, guns, and so on. But the West Country firm of Milstead & Langdon encountered a first when it went in to a mail-order cosmetics company at Poole, Dorset. Among the "assets" was Mary, a splendid green Amazonian parrot, which had the run of the place and did not take kindly to the intrusion. "It didn't fly," says Roger Isaacs, the administrator, "but it hopped around the place from cage to perch. We were warned to keep our fingers to ourselves." After a day valuing the company's assets, the team was saved putting a price on Mary's head when a worker announced that the bird was hers and whisked it home.

Booking in

FIGHT for a ticket . . . Opening today in Edinburgh, for two days only, the Scots Institute is hosting a Festival of Accounting to celebrate the publication 500 years ago by Luca Pacioli of the first printed description of double-entry book-keeping. Mock not: this is weighty stuff. The festival, taking place at The Royal College of Physicians, has attracted more than 200 participants from all over the world.

STILL on Pacioli, I am told that the first English book on the subject was written by one Hugh Oldcastle . . . who was from the same family as the person used by Shakespeare as a model for Falstaff.

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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 51 Belmont Rd, Uxbridge, Middx UB8 1RZ 0895 259 783				
Grofund Amer	168.20	177.10	-1.30	...
Grofund Equity	241.70	255.80	-5.70	1.44
Grofund Euro	195.80	206.10	-6.50	...
Grofund Expt Bal	119.20	123.60	-3.50	0.99
Grofund Gilt	78.40	80.82	-1.38	4.14
Grofund Japan	188.30	198.20	-2.10	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS Equity & Law Hse, Corpn St, Coventry 0203 553 231				
General Acc	532.00	566.00	-10.50	2.22
General Inc	479.30	509.90	-9.50	2.22
UK Growth Acc	359.30	382.30	-7.40	2.43
UK Growth Inc	251.60	267.70	-5.20	2.43
Higher Inc Acc	690.50	713.40	-12.90	3.38
Higher Inc Inc	401.00	426.70	-7.60	3.38
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	186.50	196.90†	-3.00	5.87
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	93.17	98.41†	-4.19	5.87
Nth America	257.60	274.10	-2.90	...
Far East	368.80	392.40	-8.10	...
Europe	265.80	282.80	-9.60	0.63
Brit Excell	71.30	75.86	-1.53	2.56
Brit Fndmntls Acc	101.00	107.50	-1.90	4.20
Brit Fndmtls Inc	76.75	81.65	-1.40	4.20
Global Opps	86.13	91.63	-1.49	...
Balanced Acc	54.50	57.98†	-1.13	2.33
Balanced Inc	54.01	57.46†	-1.13	2.33
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS 80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth 0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	134.80	142.40†	-2.20	5.62
High Inc Equity	171.60	182.60	-3.30	3.99
Worldwide Bond	270.50	286.90†	-2.61	3.60
Capital Growth				
American Growth	307.20	328.60	-3.80	.36
Asian Pacific	359.10	384.10	-6.80	...
Assets & Earnings	276.00	293.60	-4.70	1.61
Comdty & Energy	127.40	135.50†	-1.60	.41
1992 Enterprise	94.95	101.60	-1.60	1.53
Euro Capital Inc	128.70	137.60	-3.00	.70
General	232.60	247.40†	-5.70	2.20
Japan	135.10	144.50	-1.40	...
Mastertrust	146.60	156.80	-2.30	.84
UK Growth Dist	148.40	157.90	-0.80	1.53
US Emerging Cos	145.30	154.60	-1.30	...
Income & Growth	395.10	420.30	-8.60	3.12
Ethical	77.00	81.91	-0.82	1.95
International	119.70	127.30	-2.20	.09
Dividend & Growth	63.38	67.43	-1.27	3.77
Global Gwth & Sec	64.96	69.16	-0.06	2.00
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 14 Melville St, Edinburgh EH3 7NS 031 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	1898.0	1934.0	...	..
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ 0800 833 580				
Aberdeen Portfolio	62.96	64.02	-1.30	0.77
Amer Inc & Growth	45.58	48.06	-0.40	0.65
Cash	50.01	50.01†	...	4.50
European	104.00	110.60†	-3.50	...
European Income	99.40	105.70†	-2.80	1.41
Exempt	1080.3	1134.9	-11.60	3.34
Extra Income	53.72	58.66†	-1.59	4.44
Far East Emg Ecn	115.70	124.80	-2.80	0.50
Fixed Interest	26.11	27.88†	-0.10	6.58
Fund Inv Tr	182.70	195.00	-2.60	0.86
Japan	209.30	222.90	-1.80	...
Latin American	79.01	84.04	-1.30	0.57
Pacific	74.86	80.17	-1.64	0.33
Property Share	77.35	82.57	-1.16	1.58
UK Emerging Cos	70.98	75.77	-0.56	1.63
UK Growth	45.56	49.13	-0.94	2.38
World Growth	76.88	82.06	-2.10	0.66
Ethical	66.54	71.04	-0.93	2.47
Aberdeen Gilt Inc	52.33	52.33†	-1.19	7.78
ACUMA FUND MANAGERS LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 690 336				
UK Equity Income	96.12	102.25†	-1.48	2.86
UK Equity Growth	86.98	92.43†	-1.08	2.03
European	66.09	70.31	-1.81	0.64
Nth American	67.31	71.61	-0.68	0.98
Far Eastern	74.86	79.64	-1.61	0.31
Money	65.46	65.46	+0.01	3.77
Fixed Interest	71.88	76.47†	-0.92	6.36
Index Linked Gilt	65.92	70.13†	-1.19	1.15
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 549 3232				
British Growth	72.74	77.38	-1.06	2.29
British Income	81.50	86.70	-1.19	3.18
Select Portfolio	90.92	96.72	-0.29	...
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD 101 King's Road Brentwood CM14 4DR 0452 305 958				
Amity Income	78.55	83.34	-1.14	1.93
Income Builder Inc	69.76	74.21	-1.21	2.69
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL IFA dlg: 0793 610 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	246.80	263.80	-2.10	2.66
Capital	438.80	469.00	-4.80	1.50
Balanced	718.00	767.50	-7.40	2.36
Accumulator	1273.0	1360.0	-13.00	2.72
Income Trusts				
American Income	49.12	52.50†	-0.71	3.26
High Income	425.90	455.20†	-5.30	3.44
Equity Income	241.10	257.70†	-3.00	3.39
High Yield	265.30	283.60	-3.10	3.31
Govt Securities	34.48	36.39	-0.33	4.45
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	135.10	144.40	-2.40	0.31
European Growth	33.50	35.63	-1.06	0.45
International	166.90	178.10†	-4.00	0.22
Japan	232.30	247.70†	-3.60	0.01
Pacific	440.90	471.30	-9.90	0.17
Secs of America	427.30	454.40†	-8.60	0.61
Wwide Asset Val	49.34	52.70	-1.15	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	544.20	581.70	-6.50	2.15
Conv & Gilt	49.41	52.81†	-0.42	3.83
Smaller Cos	188.70	201.70†	-1.00	1.16
2nd Smaller Cos	183.20	195.80†	+1.40	1.12
Recovery	150.90	161.30	-1.80	1.72
Met Min & Cdty	157.30	168.10	-4.00	0.80
Oseas Earnings	366.50	391.70†	-4.50	2.01
Technology	160.50	171.50	-3.30	0.02
UK Special Sits	470.40	502.80†	-5.90	1.91
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Manor Royal, Crawley RH10 2QP 0293 526 911				
Cntrctd Out Pens	103.30	107.30	..	1.45
Foundtn Persl Pens	65.94	68.50	..	4.00
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD 28 St John's Sq, London EC1M 4AE 071 251 6767				
Capital	72.32	76.93	-2.37	2.64
International	63.64	67.70	-1.77	0.50
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD 1 Rutland Court, Edinburgh EH3 8EY 031 222 4242				
America	313.80	338.90	-1.70	..
Bond	121.00	127.20	-2.20	6.15
Brit Smlr Cos	107.10	113.90	-0.60	0.90
Conv & Gen	66.51	70.98†	-0.59	4.91
Energy	449.40	487.90	-4.60	0.22
Europe	330.20	344.80	-5.70	0.46
Euro Smlr Cos	103.50	110.00	-2.40	0.86
Income Gwth	366.70	391.40†	-4.70	3.40
Japan	349.90	372.40	-4.00	...
Pacific	113.50	120.70	-2.30	0.66
UK Smllr Cos	54.37	57.84	-0.27	0.75
Japan Fd	814.60	838.50	-6.60	..
Mngd Fd	177.40	188.60	-2.80	2.66
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD 36 Queen St, London EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	295.90	311.50	...	1.17
Capital Gwth	119.10	125.40	...	2.13
Wwide Opps	194.10	204.30	...	0.45
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 11 Broadway, Stratford E15 4BJ 081 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Brit Inv Fd Inc	354.50	369.30	-8.00	2.28
European Bd Inc	96.07	99.46†	-1.04	7.25
Exempt	77.37	82.53	-1.67	3.75
Financial	76.42	81.73	-2.49	2.03
500.00	488.50	522.50†	-4.30	1.96
General	280.30	299.80	-5.70	2.18
Property	249.10	266.40	.	5.47
Trustee	191.20	204.50	-3.60	1.82
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.60	100.60	..	4.26
Extra Income	123.00	131.60	-2.00	3.75
Gilt & Fxd Int	60.27	62.25†	-0.63	7.91
Income	554.20	592.70†	-10.10	3.68
Income Builder	66.99	71.26†	-1.10	4.43
Intl Income	69.02	73.43	-1.21	2.88
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	117.90	125.80†	-2.60	2.15
Leisure	126.10	134.90	-1.10	0.79
Recovery	434.90	465.10	-6.20	2.02
Smllr Cos Inc	46.13	49.47	-0.19	1.70
Special Sits	294.20	314.60	-5.80	1.43
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	136.00	144.30	-1.30	0.14
Aust Acc	266.40	282.30	-6.60	1.54
Aust Inc	166.30	176.70	-4.10	1.58
Euro Gwth Inc	140.90	149.30	-4.40	0.37
Japan & Gen Inc	197.70	209.30	-1.40	..
Japan Spec Sits	87.64	92.84	-0.43	..
Univ Tech Inc	79.92	84.93	-1.01	0.39
Worldwide	181.50	192.70	-3.80	0.26
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002				
American Growth	101.60	107.60	-1.30	
Amer Smllr Cos	134.70	144.20	-1.60	
Cash Trust	50.62	50.62	...	4.90
Convertibles	63.32	67.72	-0.80	5.60
Eastern	289.20	312.90	-8.40	1.60
Equity Income	92.47	98.57†	-2.93	5.00
European Growth	284.90	303.00	-9.60	1.50
Europe	212.70	226.80	-4.80	1.56
German Growth	69.34	73.95	-1.40	0.70
Global Bond	67.40	71.17†	-0.68	5.40
Global Growth	131.80	140.40	-2.30	..
Japan Growth	226.60	243.30	-4.20	.
Japan Sunrise	194.00	207.70	-2.10	..
Korea Trust	79.69	88.91	-1.09	..
Portfolio	137.20	146.50†	-2.40	3.00
UK Growth	94.15	102.10	-1.40	2.60
UK Smaller Cos	99.07	105.90	-2.90	1.90
Select Managers	77.06	82.56	-1.26	2.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 26-34 Old Street, London EC1V 9HL 071 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	82.80	88.09†	...	..
Special Oppor Inc	57.39	61.05†	...	..
BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD 5 Giltspur St, London EC1A 9DE 071 236 6441				
Special Sits	187.10	200.10	+0.10	0.97
Dividend	84.85	90.75†	-0.70	3.76
Int Gth & Inc	224.60	240.00	-2.60	2.51
UK & Gen	46.30	49.52†	-0.33	1.51
Fund of Funds	69.17	73.98	-0.29	..
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD 50 Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 6HR 041 223 6028				
Balanced Growth	110.20	116.62	-2.60	1.22
Smaller Cos	110.52	116.95	-1.01	0.97
Higher Yield	46.50	49.31	-0.92	2.43
American Gth Inc	76.08	80.51†	-1.17	.
European Growth	131.45	139.11†	-4.57	.
Global Bond Inc	29.86	31.60	-0.57	4.44
Mngd Pfolio Inc	44.70	47.29	-0.87	1.02
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	65.78	66.66†	-0.49	5.56
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 8AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	157.10	167.20	-1.80	1.39
UK Growth	168.20	179.00†	-3.70	1.86
UK Income	139.00	147.90	-2.40	3.88
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD High St, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 0707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	188.90	200.10†	-4.50	1.81
-do- Income Dist	114.10	121.00	-2.00	4.41
Gilt & Fxd Int	41.72	44.25†	-1.38	6.15

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CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF 061 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5362				
American & Gen	149.60	159.20	-1.90	..
European Inc	76.94	81.87	-2.80	0.36
Smaller Cos (4-1)	86.10	91.70†	-0.50	1.13
Growth	441.00	471.70†	-7.60	1.95
Income & Growth	416.90	443.60†	-8.60	3.49
Japan & Gen	79.27	84.33†	-0.46	...
Master Portfolio	1082.9	1107.9	-40.40	1.35
Special Sits	101.00	107.50	-1.70	1.91
High Yield	1363.0	1406.0	-27.00	3.91
CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh 031 228 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 561				
American Gwth Tst	37.99	40.63	-0.51	0.21
Cash Income	50.54	50.54	...	4.70
European Gwth	38.19	40.73	-1.35	0.37
Income & Gwth Inc	28.99	31.00	-0.66	3.99
Intnl Gwth	32.08	34.30	-0.48	0.53
Japan Gwth	29.06	31.08	-0.19	..
Managed Tst Inc	49.32	52.74	-1.30	1.52
Oriental Opps Inc	145.60	155.70	-3.70	...
Property Shares	46.68	49.92	-2.22	1.63
Smaller Cos	33.43	35.75	-0.20	1.48
UK Growth Tst	26.40	28.23	-0.64	2.67
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	72.14	77.15†	-1.67	1.67
Cap Hse UK Inc	67.65	72.35	-1.64	2.36
Exempt	23.59	24.26	..	..
Formerly Brown Shipley				
European Inc	25.34	27.10	-0.69	0.39
European Acc	26.28	28.10	-0.72	0.39
Financial	151.20	161.70†	-6.70	1.73
Foundation	95.66	102.30	-0.30	2.15
German	49.00	52.40	-0.96	0.07
High Income	78.78	84.25†	-1.88	5.23
Income	138.10	147.70	-2.30	3.39
Intl Growth	38.51	41.18	-0.61	0.16
Mngd Pfolio Inc	106.90	114.30†	-1.90	1.62
Mngd Pfolio Acc	204.30	218.50†	-3.60	1.62
Monthly Income	85.45	91.39	-3.25	3.19
North American	107.50	114.90	-1.40	...
Orient	154.60	165.30	-2.10	...
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	82.58	88.26	-1.02	2.16
American Portfolio	89.68	95.58	-1.47	1.00
European Portfolio	93.95	100.28	-2.49	0.91
Japanese Portfolio	74.39	79.06	-0.26	...
Pacific Portfolio	144.22	155.08	-3.35	0.72
UK Inc & Growth	76.05	81.44	-0.71	3.60
Utility & Bond	57.13	57.89	-0.72	6.16
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD 5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 352 5000				
UK General Tst	65.02	69.16	-1.46	2.90
Global Tst	...	...	...	...
Recovery Tst	...	...	...	...
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD 151 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD 071 837 7667				
Intl Growth	148.65	161.10	...	...
UK Growth	113.72	123.16	...	...
UK Income	117.60	127.36	..	3.68
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	85.82	90.65	-3.96	1.84
Beck Bio-Tech	38.44	40.89	...	...
Acorn Ethical Tst	163.41	172.01	...	1.18
City Fin Assets	74.97	78.92	...	1.55
City Fin America	83.38	87.77	-1.10	...
City Fin Intl	81.49	85.78	-2.98	0.47
City Fin Japan	183.29	192.94	-5.51	..
Friars Hse Cap	290.90	307.83†	...	2.17
Friars Hse Inc	209.05	220.37	...	4.72
Buckley Wrld Grth	143.87	153.05†	-0.19	0.65
Fairmnt Cap Gth	151.64	159.62	..	..
-do- Inc & Gth	121.95	128.37	..	1.54
Fairmount Intl	166.66	175.54	..	..
City Fin Pflio Inc	60.93	64.82	..	2.56
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 10 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AJ 0392 412 144				
Emerging Markets	58.95	62.17	-0.79	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	59.59	63.73	-0.70	..
Atlas Mngd Gwth	38.67	41.58	-0.66	..
Dragon Growth	72.71	77.76	-1.80	0.33
Equity High Inc	84.84	90.26†	-1.51	3.42
European Gwth	48.31	51.39	-1.74	0.78
Evergreen	31.78	33.99	-0.27	..
General Equity	86.52	91.80	-1.79	2.15
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	26.16	27.50	-0.60	7.56
Japan Growth	54.43	58.76	-0.57	..
Pedigree Gwth	51.99	55.31	-0.79	2.01
Ped Sm Cos Inc	34.08	36.25	-0.16	0.60
Retirement Inc	26.88	28.90	-0.46	5.06
Special Sits	40.60	43.42	-0.58	1.44
UK & Overseas	49.47	52.63	-1.30	0.91
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY 0634 898 000				
Capital	65.17	69.70†	-1.30	2.75
Income	61.36	65.63	-1.12	3.79
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ 081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	171.15	182.07	-3.86	4.86
Fixed & Convertible	45.70	48.62	-1.05	5.25
Monthly Inc Plus	52.90	56.28	-0.55	7.96
Preference Share	50.32	53.53	-2.50	6.91
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	137.61	146.39	-0.16	6.51
Managed Fund	69.05	73.46	-1.63	3.74
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	45.05	47.93	-0.28	1.77
UK & General	79.02	84.06	-1.76	2.58
UK Growth	139.03	147.90	-3.07	1.60
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	183.65	195.37	-7.32	..
Far Eastern Grth	141.29	150.31	-2.74	0.28
Global Bond	85.23	90.57	-1.58	5.87
Japan Growth	134.40	142.98	-1.49	.
North Amer Grth	161.01	171.29	-1.33	.
Oriental Growth	83.26	88.57	-1.95	..
Worldwide Growth	66.34	70.57	-1.26	0.24
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.93	92.93	+0.01	4.53
Homemaker Fund	77.94	82.91†	-1.41	1.85
Quilter Fund	136.18	144.87†	-2.76	2.05
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744 840				
Growth Inc	59.04	62.80	-1.13	2.60
High Income	34.63	36.84	-0.60	4.50
Japan	38.83	41.30	-0.61	..
Smaller Cos Inc	33.82	35.97	-0.20	2.20
Smaller Cos	35.19	37.43	-0.21	2.20
North American	32.76	34.85	-0.33	0.50
European	36.39	38.71	-1.27	0.60
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Consistent UT	32.42	34.74†	...	4.26
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 358				
Growth	152.40	162.20	-3.10	1.57
Income	76.25	81.12†	-0.97	4.22
European	59.36	63.15	-2.13	0.71
Recovery	143.90	153.10	-3.20	1.24
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494				
Equity Dist	844.60	859.40	.	3.59
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex 0277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	74.11	78.85	-1.04	1.80
Income	243.80	259.40	-4.20	4.34
Smaller Cos	159.60	169.80	-0.40	1.20
Inv Portfolio	78.66	83.71†	-1.75	1.31
High Income Port	68.73	73.12†	-1.22	4.50
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS 071 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	1539.9	1573.6	.	.
Japan Small Cos	1304.1	1329.5	.	.
UK Small Cos	1912.4	1941.5†	.	.
US Small Cos	1685.5	1722.0	.	...
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL 071 377 8819				
Disc Inc	203.00	213.70	...	2.69
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 25, Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2500				
European Gwth	249.90	264.50	-10.30	1.13
New Asia	227.00	244.90	-5.40	0.32
Japan Growth	135.00	143.60	-1.60	..
Jap Smllr Co	562.50	597.50	.	.
Nth Amer	252.90	267.70	-1.60	0.91
Shltrd Asia Pac M	126.50	134.20	-3.00	0.47
UK Inc & Grth	221.20	235.90	-4.90	3.43
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	144.30	153.50	-2.80	1.74
UK High Inc Inc	159.30	169.50	-2.70	4.71
UK Pref & F I Inc	60.95	64.63	-1.26	4.85
Environmnl Opps	84.57	89.93	-1.32	1.57
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh 0345 090 526				
American	122.60	130.30	-1.10	0.15
Convertibles	24.62	26.16	-0.21	6.31
Equity Income	134.80	143.20	-2.90	3.49
EuroFund	44.07	46.59†	-1.24	0.86
Financial	50.40	53.55	-1.26	1.49
Growth & Inc	239.60	254.60†	-3.40	2.95
High Dist	167.70	178.20	-3.50	4.21
International	397.80	422.50	-7.00	0.24
Intl Income	96.85	102.40	-2.20	2.51
Latin American	51.20	54.40	-0.93	0.23
Pacific	86.50	92.23	-1.98	..
Preference Share	24.87	26.42†	-0.45	5.87
Tokyo	240.90	255.70	-5.90	..
UK Smaller Cos	249.50	264.40	-1.70	0.89
ELCON LTD Central Ct, Knoll Rise, Orpington BR6 0JA 0689 70538				
Elcon Trust	224.50	240.00	..	..
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JL 071 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	213.50	227.10	..	0.30
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QN 0296 431 480				
European	79.92	85.00	-2.39	1.59
Far Eastern	123.47	132.60	-4.77	1.32
High Income	138.22	145.49	-1.44	4.16
Intl Growth	125.10	131.68	-2.70	0.94
North American	117.93	124.14	-3.50	1.22
Pelican	120.59	126.94	-1.38	2.72
Smaller Cos	79.47	83.65	-1.63	1.67
Special Sits	96.41	101.48	-0.97	2.23
Tst of Inv Tsts	191.04	201.77	-2.44	1.79
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	224.52	233.87	-3.81	1.54
Smaller Cos Acc	283.58	294.97	-4.57	1.54
Recovery	57.67	62.11	-1.44	1.94
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB 0392 412 144				
Balanced	112.09	119.04	-1.87	4.92
Capital Growth	81.30	87.39	-2.65	..
Fd of Inv Tsts	49.42	49.52	-1.00	0.23
High Income	47.85	51.04	-0.75	8.68
Warrant	43.08	46.57†	-1.07	..
Zero Preference	36.95	39.21	-0.07	..
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	77.31	82.26	-1.13	2.36
Family Income Tst	51.58	54.96	-0.68	5.60
Family Trust	95.38	101.16	..	1.09
United Charities	262.50	279.31	..	2.90

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161 Broker Dealings 0800 414 181				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		4.50
Stabilisor Growth Range				
Controlled Risk UK	24.40	25.77†	-0.06	2.98
-do- Europe	23.92	25.24	-0.11	4.87
-do- America	23.44	24.69	-0.11	0.36
-do- Acc Japan	27.23	28.76	-0.04	0.52
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	30.47	30.83	-0.11	7.26
Intl Bond	30.85	32.20	-0.29	4.92
Income Funds				
High Income	28.48	29.97†	-0.38	4.65
Income Plus	125.20	131.00†	-2.60	5.74
Amer Eq Inc	47.59	50.49	-0.50	1.68
European Income	44.25	47.06†	-1.11	2.19
Far East Inc	64.79	69.35	-0.67	2.09
Global Convertible	25.19	26.87	-0.31	2.42
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	62.80	66.99	-2.05	..
American	239.40	253.80	-3.20	...
Amer Spec Sits	113.60	121.30	-0.90	...
Japan Smaller Cos	44.90	47.99†	-0.30	..
European	163.40	173.80	-3.60	...
European Opps	61.51	65.41	-1.52	..
UK Growth	90.68	96.42	-1.43	..
Growth & Inc	157.30	167.30	-2.80	2.26
Intl PEP	36.31	38.61	-0.67	..
Japan Spec Sits	99.06	105.80†	-0.30	..
Japan	211.90	226.00	-1.60	...
Managed Intl	274.10	292.80†	-4.40	..
Moneybuilder	54.24	57.68	-0.83	...
Recovery	47.31	50.31	-0.54	..
South E Asia	159.90	170.20	-4.70	..
Special Sits	549.30	584.10	-6.60	..
Specialist Funds				
UK Index	109.60	115.30	-2.80	2.96
UK Reverse Index	76.14	80.17	-1.97	4.46
Europe Index	113.80	119.90	-3.00	4.37
-do- Reverse Index	68.36	72.52	-1.90	7.79
America Index	100.50	105.90	-1.70	0.68
-do- Reverse Index	94.15	99.19	+0.13	0.77
Japan Index	139.90	146.20	-2.60	0.67
-do- Reverse Index	98.11	103.40	-4.35	1.28
Cash Accum Units	104.56	104.56	+0.01	4.50
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD 20 Finsbury St, Lond EC2Y 9AQ 071 814 2700				
Balanced	143.40	147.10†	-3.10	2.06
Inc Pflio	91.61	95.52†	-1.44	3.48
Cap Pflio	149.00	151.70	-3.00	0.62
General Opps	132.70	134.80	-3.70	3.21
Growth Inc	31.29	31.93	-0.67	1.18
Private Portfolio	417.80	426.60†	-16.00	1.43
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Admin. PO Box 2001, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XR Enq: 071 454 1434 Dlg: 0277 261 080				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	110.50	116.90	-4.10	0.21
Far Eastern	192.40	206.50	-2.40	..
High Income	22.61	24.08†	-0.28	10.49
Oseas Income	100.10	106.90	-2.00	2.51
UK Growth	119.30	127.60	-1.80	0.80
UK Income	111.40	119.50	-2.40	4.60
US Smaller Cos	303.70	324.80	-2.40	..
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	49.74	52.91	-1.90	3.88
-do- Inv Tst Inc	76.95	81.86†	-1.24	3.79
Intl Growth	74.39	79.14	...	1.14
Investment Trust	92.14	98.02†	-1.61	0.22
UK Smaller Cos	88.27	93.90	-0.31	1.17
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
American Growth	56.37	60.12†	-0.53	..
(Accum Units)	56.37	60.12†	-0.53	..
Amer Smllr Cos	504.20	539.60	-5.60	...
(Accum Units)	515.50	551.20	-5.90	..
Capital Tst	336.90	358.30	-1.80	1.31
(Accum Units)	474.20	504.40	-2.50	1.31
Contl Smllr Cos	59.90	64.43	-1.05	0.14
(Accum Units)	62.61	67.35	-1.10	0.14
Convertible	144.00	153.10	-1.00	4.49
(Accum Units)	278.90	296.60	-2.10	4.49
Emerging Markets	86.12	92.00	-1.64	..
(Accum Units)	86.19	92.01	-1.64	..
European	115.30	122.60	-3.60	0.02
(Accum Units)	120.20	127.90	-3.60	0.02
Extra Income	347.80	369.70†	-5.20	3.29
(Accum Units)	503.90	536.00†	-7.50	3.29
Financial	122.60	131.80	-1.90	0.38
(Accum Units)	128.40	139.00	-2.00	0.38
Gilt Trust	66.63	68.70	-2.34	5.25
(Accum Units)	88.21	90.96	-3.09	5.25
Health Fund Inc	143.60	153.40	-1.90	...
(Accum Units)	143.60	153.40	-1.90	..
Income & Growth	202.40	215.20	-3.60	3.31
(Accum Units)	293.20	311.80	-5.10	3.31
Intl Growth	383.70	412.10	-5.90	..
(Accum Units)	426.10	457.60	-6.20	..
Japan & Gen	203.60	217.90	-2.50	..
(Accum Units)	205.60	220.10	-2.50	..
Managed Port Inc	109.60	115.30	-1.40	0.58
(Accum Units)	115.20	121.20	-1.50	0.58
Monthly Income	178.10	189.40	-1.90	3.09
Quarterly Income	56.29	59.87	-0.86	4.20
(Accum Units)	58.06	61.75	-0.88	4.20
Recovery	366.00	391.40†	-4.20	0.08
(Accum Units)	430.60	460.40†	-5.10	0.08
UK Growth	53.63	57.21	-0.95	2.37
(Accum Units)	53.63	57.21	-0.95	2.37
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts Dealing: 0722 411 411 Admin: 0722 411 622				
FP Equity Dist	390.73	415.67	-8.36	2.29
-do- Accum	806.04	857.49	-17.24	2.29
FP Euro Gth Dist	128.48	136.68†	-3.70	0.41
-do- Accum	133.44	141.96†	-3.84	0.41
FP Fixed Int Dist	138.39	146.38†	-1.99	5.92
-do- Accum	242.62	256.63†	-3.49	5.92
FP Intl Gth Dist	94.54	100.57	-1.66	0.39
-do- Accum	98.41	104.69	-1.73	0.39
FP Nth Amer Dist	192.82	204.26	-2.47	0.59
-do- Accum	210.69	223.19	-2.70	0.59
FP Pac Basin Dist	332.40	353.62	-5.36	0.01
-do- Accum	338.76	360.38	-5.46	0.01
Stewardship Dist	353.99	376.58	-3.42	1.61
-do- Accum	424.58	452.00	-4.12	1.61
Stwrdshp Inc Dist	77.00	81.91†	-0.56	3.01
-do- Accum	96.90	103.08†	-0.72	3.01
N Am Stshp Dist	105.07	111.78	-0.64	0.42
-do- Accum	111.23	116.33	-0.66	0.42
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD PO Box 237, York YO1 1LA 0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	242.00	255.90	-5.10	1.92
Cash	49.40	50.14†	+0.01	4.36
Growth Portfolio	86.37	91.55	-1.49	0.33
Income Portfolio	70.05	74.08†	-1.43	3.36
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD Alban Gate, 14th Floor, 125 London Wall, London EC2Y 5AS 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	163.50	174.90	-0.60	..
European	519.40	555.90†	-17.60	1.30
Far East & Gen	292.60	313.00	-4.50	..
Germany	118.30	125.80	-3.20	..
Global Assets Inc	..	..	.	
Income Inc	160.30	171.50†	-2.40	4.12
International	350.80	375.20†	-9.20	..
Intl Income	83.41	88.56	-2.67	3.99
Japan & General	445.00	474.20	-1.90	..
Korean Securities	74.16	79.32	-0.75	0.17
Smllr Cos Div Inc	55.30	59.15	-0.57	3.60
UK Capital (Inc)	193.30	206.80†	-1.91	1.70
UK Spec Sits	97.80	104.60	-1.20	0.32
US & General	134.80	143.50	-1.40	..
Wwide Spec Sits	165.90	177.50	-4.10	0.09
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ 071 782 2000 Digs only: 0277 264 421 Investor Services: Freephone 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	51.07	54.67†	-1.20	1.94
Cash Trust	132.28	132.28†	+0.01	4.35
Practical Inv Inc	116.26	124.44†	-1.58	2.54
UK Index	148.43	150.88†	-3.25	2.86
UK Smaller Cos	124.79	133.45	-1.07	1.29
Income Funds				
Preference Share	27.09	28.97†	-0.32	8.73
High Income	35.38	37.84†	-0.64	4.60
UK Equity Income	141.41	151.24†	-2.50	3.57
Global Bond	29.90	31.07†	-0.23	4.70
International Funds				
Frontier Markets	66.71	71.35	-1.05	..
Global Inc & Gth	139.74	149.05	-2.09	1.49
Gold & Intl Res	111.93	119.60	-1.97	0.57
Global Utilities	134.92	144.05†	-2.12	0.75
Overseas Funds				
American	141.12	150.95	-1.77	0.43
European	93.50	99.47†	-2.75	0.90
Euro Sel Opps	126.41	134.76	-4.68	0.21
Amer Emerging	103.78	110.99	-1.09	..
Hong Kong	160.53	171.59	-6.68	0.97
Japan	262.40	278.96	-3.17	..
Pacific Growth	233.24	249.45	-7.70	..
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	215.80	215.80	-3.39	1.76
Long Term Bal	235.11	235.11	-4.43	2.09
Med Term Bal	196.38	196.38	-3.21	2.47
UK Equity	237.64	237.64	-4.86	1.43
UK Emerging Cos	149.71	149.71	-2.67	1.82
American	222.25	222.25	-2.56	1.29
Japan	147.11	147.11	-1.14	..
European	240.37	240.37	-8.03	1.23
Index Linked Gilt	166.37	166.37	-7.71	2.08
Fixed Interest	158.78	158.79	-4.58	5.12
Amer Emergos	265.94	265.94†	-2.77	..
Pacific	251.42	251.42	-3.94	0.57
Emerging Mkts	198.64	198.64†	-5.44	..
Index Strat Japan	162.29	162.29†	+4.42	0.22
-do- Pacific Rim	201.91	201.91†	-15.42	1.22
-do- Cont Europe	138.86	139.86†	-10.39	1.64
Index Strat USA	130.79	130.79†	-3.43	2.13
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	102.05	108.56	-2.12	.
Med Term Bal	93.41	99.37	-1.68	.
Long Term Bal	105.64	112.71	-2.24	.
UK Equity	109.59	116.59	-2.40	.
UK Emerging Cos	70.25	74.72	-0.35	.
American	105.72	112.46	-1.32	.
Japan	70.79	75.42	-2.59	..
European	100.39	106.80	-3.56	.
Fixed Interest	79.83	84.93	-2.15	.
Index Linked Gilt	77.77	78.48	-1.47	.
Deposit	76.46	81.76	.	.
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Int Grth	133.21	140.22†	-0.62	
Berkeley Income	119.01	125.27†	-0.23	2.14
BWH Intl	144.17	151.76	-2.10	0.56
Brdfrd Gth Port Inc	63.98	67.52	-0.62	1.22
-do- Inc Port Inc	60.30	63.64†	-0.52	2.47
-do- Wwide Port	55.99	59.09	-0.22	2.50
Shaw Utilities	55.22	58.29	-1.01	2.62
GLENFRIARS UNIT TST MGRS LTD 22 Suffolk St, London SW1Y 4HS 071 930 7535				
Inv Opportunities	150.10	157.90	-2.50	.
Higher Income	136.80	145.90	-2.90	4.57
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT GAM Sterling Management Ltd 12 St James's Place, London SW1 071 493 9990				
B Intl Inc	596.75	634.84	..	0.07
European Inc	147.22	156.62		
Amalgam Inc	153.27	162.23	-3.55	.
N America Inc	343.77	365.71		
Far East Inc	355.06	391.57		0.20
UK Dist'n Inc	177.81	189.31	-3.07	
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 407 7558				
UK Equity Inc	88.98	93.47†	-1.21	4.02
UK Small Cos	53.69	57.42	-0.34	1.10
British Growth	58.31	61.49	-0.98	2.14
American Gwth	109.09	116.84	-1.19	..
Japan Gwth	90.56	96.95	-0.22	..
Greater China	199.11	212.90	-2.26	0.95
Pacific Strategy	179.05	191.49†	-4.90	0.15
European Gwth	42.76	45.51	-1.29	0.52
Intl Growth	159.12	170.19	-4.05	0.24
US Index (E)	13.407	14.127	-0.379	1.30
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	81.12	85.74	-1.39	2.19
Monthly Income	44.77	47.57†	-0.43	7.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing 071 984 0021				
UK Index (E)	11.658	12.191	-0.392	3.60
Euro Index (E)	12.529	13.111	-0.459	4.20
Japan Index (E)	11.556	12.164	-0.333	.45
US Index (E)	14.124	14.770	-0.398	1.50
Cash (E)	9.5287	9.5763	-0.001	4.10
UK Bear (E)	7.5607	7.9063	+0.22	1.40
European Bear (E)	7.0956	7.4201	+0.256	4.50
Japan Bear (E)	12.477	13.094	-0.425	1.55
US Bear (E)	9.2871	9.6956	+0.118	1.90
Dollar Bull (E)	15.585	16.312	-0.222	1.50
Dollar Bear (E)	6.8656	7.1902	+0.030	7.60

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Gilt Bull (E)	11.225	11.734	-0.269	3.60
Gilt Bear (E)	7.3605	7.6958	+0.167	3.60
Dollar Cash (E)	10.516	10.568	-0.074	1.90
Grd UK Index (E)	11.392	11.999	-0.426	3.60
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD Mint Hse, 77 Mansell St, London E1 8AF 071 488 1212				
Small Cos	98.255	104.52†	...	1.12
Bridge Income	286.57	304.87	...	4.80
GUARDIAN ROYAL EX UT MGRS LTD 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9668				
Cash	134.60	134.60	...	3.83
European	456.70	487.90	-10.10	...
Gilt & Fixed	133.00	141.20†	-2.20	4.07
Growth Equity	341.10	364.40	-7.70	1.69
Income Trust	128.50	137.20	-2.40	2.84
International	188.70	201.60	-2.70	...
Japan Trust	141.30	150.90	-0.80	...
Nth American	277.90	296.80	-2.50	...
Pacific	586.80	626.90	-14.30	...
Guardhill	497.50	531.50†	-10.40	1.73
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD 5 Gainsford Street, London SE1 2NE 071 522 2129				
EMU Trust	110.26	114.47†	-1.89	7.68
Global High Inc	116.24	120.68	-1.26	7.85
Prem Fixed Int	112.97	117.28	-1.03	7.53
Eqty & Bond Inc	106.20	112.92†	-1.41	4.55
European Growth	94.23	100.18	-1.18	...
Intl PEP Trust	61.04	64.90	-0.81	..
High Income	123.42	131.23†	+0.23	3.17
Recovery	405.90	431.50	-2.10	1.41
St Vinc High Inc	134.98	137.00†	-0.36	6.69
Tmp Bar Emer Co	257.30	273.50	+0.10	1.06
Tmp Br Sm Co In	348.50	374.90†	-0.30	1.51
HALIFAX STANDARD TST MGT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838 868				
Global Advtg Inc	40.42	42.85†	-0.50	1.33
Income Advtg Inc	32.94	34.92†	-0.30	3.41
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 390				
Model Pfolio	205.10	217.60†	-4.90	2.02
Smaller Cos	36.24	38.55†	-0.04	1.19
HENDERSON UNIT TST MGMT LTD PO Box 2151, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enquiries: 0277 263 298 Dealing: 0277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	308.40	330.08†	-2.26	0.85
Best of British	63.94	68.43	-1.26	2.02
UK Smaller Cos	129.06	138.73†	-1.15	0.79
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	283.87	302.32	-4.95	2.56
High Income	342.55	366.18†	-5.29	3.32
Extra Income	295.50	314.58†	-7.80	4.24
Pref & Gilt	49.27	52.06†	-0.47	7.60
International				
International	274.64	292.48	-5.77	...
Global Bond	57.13	60.77†	-1.35	6.13
Family of Funds	84.93	90.57†	-0.02	0.13
Global Tech	154.97	165.74	-1.05	...
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	189.93	203.11	-3.61	..
European	461.40	489.22	-13.58	0.38
European Income	82.43	87.31†	-2.63	2.25
Euro Smlr Cos	147.08	157.58	-2.45	0.16
Eur Sp Sits	65.80	70.16	-1.64	...
Japan Trust	225.88	240.54†	-3.23	...
Japan Special Sits	262.97	279.90	-2.67	..
Pacific Smlr Cos	269.75	296.96	-5.20	...
North American	246.39	261.96	-2.16	...
American Smaller	108.49	115.97	-1.02	...
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	57.64	61.09	-0.54	...
Eur Sp Sits	56.48	59.86	-1.31	..
General Growth	42.52	45.07	-0.85	..
Global Tech	60.65	64.28	-0.41	..
Income Growth	42.63	45.18	-0.76	...
Japan Growth	27.62	29.27	-0.40	...
Overseas Growth	40.07	42.47	-0.86	...
Smaller Cos	22.80	24.16	-0.86	..
Special Opps	30.15	31.95	-0.27	..
Sterling Liquidity	...	...	...	..
Wwide Sp Sits	50.05	53.05	-1.07	...
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	100.40	107.30	-2.50	1.75
Capital	175.90	188.10†	-3.50	1.36
Dollar	346.50	370.50	-2.80	..
European	230.10	246.00	-7.00	0.22
Far East	350.40	374.70	-8.80	0.07
Financial	842.90	901.40	-23.70	0.92
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	27.37	28.43	-0.28	7.20
High Yield	113.90	121.80	-2.00	3.70
Income & Growth	151.20	161.70	-3.10	2.85
International	254.00	271.60	-5.00	0.01
Japanese General	216.60	231.60	-1.00	...
Japan Tech	84.67	90.53	-0.82	...
Nat Resources	74.80	80.00	-2.19	...
Portfolio	76.43	81.74	-1.35	1.64
Security	335.55	358.80	-7.10	1.72
Smaller Cos	141.40	151.20	-0.70	0.85
Special Sits	158.40	169.40†	-2.30	1.07
UK Emerging Cos	95.66	102.30	-0.70	0.03
US Smaller Cos	77.46	82.84†	-1.08	...
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU Dlg: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 289 505				
James Capel Unit Trusts Dlg: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 289 505				
Index Funds				
American Index	198.30	211.20†	-2.20	1.24
Eurotrack 100	149.70	159.20†	-5.00	1.00
Footsie Fund	52.97	56.06	-1.31	2.45
Japan Index	86.51	92.33†	-1.04	0.09
Tiger Index	204.10	217.80	-8.40	0.19
Trade Index	126.00	134.50†	-1.30	1.56
UK Index	141.00	150.50	-3.20	2.75
Active Funds				
American Growth	478.30	509.70	-3.30	0.17
Asian	58.00	61.90	-1.65	..
Capital	611.40	652.50	-7.80	2.06
European Growth	106.60	113.30	-3.20	...
Global Bond	23.48	24.75	-0.40	5.42
Hong Kong Gwth	119.50	127.50†	-2.60	0.53
Income	577.60	616.40	-11.60	3.71
Intl Growth	80.56	85.98	-1.44	0.06
Japan Growth	314.20	335.30	-5.10	...
Japan Smllr Cos	39.17	41.80†	..	..
Spore & Mlysn Gth	79.90	85.27	-0.54	...
Midland Unit Trusts Dealing 0742 529200 Enquiries 0742 529076				
Balanced	61.48	65.74	-0.84	2.16
(Accum Units)	63.21	67.59	-0.86	2.16
British Tst	84.24	90.10†	-1.86	1.89
(Accum Units)	96.96	103.70†	-2.30	1.89
Extra High Inc	73.77	78.90	-0.86	5.61
(Accum Units)	135.20	144.50	-1.70	5.61
Gilt & Fxd Int	56.47	58.79†	-1.69	6.45
(Accum Units)	156.70	163.20†	-4.60	6.45
High Yield	240.70	257.40	-3.30	4.43
(Accum Units)	577.70	617.80	-8.00	4.43
Income	306.60	327.90†	-5.60	2.65
(Accum Units)	695.40	709.00†	-11.90	2.65
Japan Growth	347.80	372.00	...	...
(Accum Units)	367.10	392.60	...	...
Mandarin Tst	138.30	147.90	...	0.59
(Accum Units)	144.60	154.60	...	0.59
Money Market UT	49.28	49.28	...	4.67
(Accum Units)	74.77	74.77	...	4.67
Monthly Income	90.50	96.79†	-1.34	3.92
North American	...	...	...	...
(Accum Units)	...	...	...	...
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	100.20	106.60	-2.20	1.84
European Growth	102.80	109.40	-3.10	0.01
Gilt & Fixed	84.34	89.53	-2.53	6.20
Income	86.26	91.89	-1.62	2.81
Japan Growth	59.52	63.32	-0.94	..
Managed	67.78	72.11	-0.91	2.44
Money Market	83.07	88.06	+0.01	4.56
North American	87.77	93.37	-0.59	0.48
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	91.09	96.90	-1.49	1.82
European Growth	96.91	103.10	-2.80	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	80.40	85.54	-2.40	6.16
Income	86.73	92.27	-1.59	2.78
Japan Growth	59.32	63.11	-0.93	...
Managed	65.18	69.34	-0.89	2.40
Money Market	76.75	81.38	..	4.52
North American	79.98	85.08	-0.53	0.57
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	91.57	97.22	-2.00	1.61
European Growth	94.56	100.60	-2.80	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	74.40	78.97	-2.27	6.25
Income	86.19	91.68	-1.60	2.79
Japan Growth	60.78	64.66	-0.95	..
Managed	68.46	72.83	-0.94	2.38
Money Market	72.12	76.44	.	4.55
North American	89.65	94.31	-0.59	0.44
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Investment Tst	73.64	78.24	-1.45	0.26
Smaller Cos	34.00	36.12†	-0.30	1.05
Special Features	32.72	34.76	-0.65	1.22
(Accum Units)	39.01	41.44	-0.77	1.22
General Funds				
Assets & Earnings	79.27	83.16†	-1.53	1.74
(Accum Units)	94.10	99.98†	-1.82	1.74
General Equities	74.92	79.60†	-1.66	2.56
Great British Cos	53.14	56.81	-1.12	1.78
Managed Invest	102.70	109.60†	-1.80	1.07
PEP Managed	75.45	76.40	-1.43	2.01
Super Chld Tst	82.54	88.05	-2.02	1.70
UK Growth	60.74	64.96	-1.30	1.44
High Income Funds				
Cashflow (Dist)	50.11	50.11†	.	3.91
Cashflow (Acc)	57.42	57.42†		3.91
Extra Income	88.25	94.50†	-1.49	4.43
Gilt	28.56	30.10	-0.90	6.02
Income & Growth	43.28	46.15	-0.82	3.06
Monthly Inc Gth & FI	76.50	81.25	-0.92	7.41
Preference Shares	19.35	20.55†	-0.17	5.83
UK Income	345.20	369.60	-7.00	2.92
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fin Securities	69.40	74.26	-1.77	0.53
Property Shares	85.60	92.00†	-1.99	1.00
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	51.73	54.93†	-0.48	0.52
US Smaller Cos	120.10	127.10	-0.70	
(Accum Units)	121.40	128.50	-0.70	.
Europe Perf	145.80	154.80	-4.70	
(Accum Units)	150.70	160.00	-4.80	..
Euro Smaller Cos	28.36	30.08	-0.69	
French Growth	77.38	82.36†	-7.21	
(Accum Units)	82.99	88.23†	-3.44	
H Kong & China	95.00	101.80	-3.40	0.37
Intl Growth	59.01	62.64	-1.16	...
(Accum Units)	59.30	63.00	-1.18	
Japan Perf	38.53	40.66	-0.55	..
(Accum Units)	38.80	40.66	-0.55	..
Japan Smaller Cos	45.92	48.27	-0.13	..
Singapore ASEAN	114.90	124.30	-2.10	..
(Accum Units)	115.70	125.10	-2.20	
SE Asia	240.30	261.50†	-4.20	
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Income	95.08	101.30	-1.90	1.35
Intl Bond	56.65	57.45†	-1.00	6.32
JUPITER MERLIN UT MGRS LTD 197 Knightsbridge, London SW7 1RB 071 581 3020				
American Cap	179.20	190.70	.	.
Income	148.97	158.46	.	3.73
Int & General	157.50	165.40	.	.
UK Growth	54.95	58.31	..	0.92
International	89.81	95.54†	.	0.24
Ecology	85.72	91.27	.	0.57
European	117.76	125.08	.	.
Far Eastern	250.32	272.70	.	.
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS 10 Fenchurch Street London EC3 Dealers: 071 956 7364 Admin: 071 956 6600				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	56.07	59.47†	-1.94	5.55
(Accum Units)	51.09	54.14	-2.73	6.55
Gilt Yield	119.23	125.70†	-2.60	6.95
(Accum Units)	352.90	372.60	-7.70	6.95
Global Income	237.90	245.60†	-3.95	3.51
(Accum Units)	513.20	546.00	-8.72	3.91
High Yield	150.80	160.40	-3.60	5.36
(Accum Units)	433.30	460.90	-10.20	5.36
Smllr Cos Dis	61.24	65.15	-0.41	2.66
(Accum Units)	76.55	81.76†	-0.56	2.66
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	95.61	104.10†	+0.14	
(Accum Units)	102.00	108.50†	+0.10	
North American	78.74	83.77	-0.72	0.30
(Accum Units)	96.57	102.70	-1.10	0.30
European Special	91.31	97.14	-1.85	1.29

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
(Accum Units)	95.80	101.90	-2.00	1.20
European	152.50	162.20	-2.90	1.21
(Accum Units)	199.60	212.30	-3.90	1.21
General	291.00	309.60	-6.30	2.91
(Accum Units)	485.10	516.10	-10.20	2.91
Japan	469.90	499.90	-1.30	...
(Accum Units)	475.20	505.50	-1.20	...
Japanese Special	267.80	284.90	+0.40	...
(Accum Units)	269.10	286.30	+0.60	...
Master Accum	256.80	273.20	-4.40	0.79
Pacific	362.90	386.10	-8.80	0.38
(Accum Units)	425.60	452.80	-7.90	0.38
Smaller Cos	128.20	136.40	+2.57	0.85
(Accum Units)	173.80	184.90	+3.50	0.85
UK Equity Growth	45.51	48.42†	-0.56	1.60
(Accum Units)	85.22	90.66†	-1.06	1.60
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS 161 New Bond Street, London W1Y 0LA 071 629 1663				
Global Inc & Gth	66.12	70.34	-1.15	0.80
Inv Trust	73.12	77.79	-1.11	...
Cautious Inc/Gth	59.90	63.73	-1.05	1.60
High Inc Acc	57.50	61.17	-0.92	4.50
LAS UNIT TST MGRS LTD 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	94.54	100.60	...	0.37
Extra Income	27.07	28.80	...	3.17
Far East	33.16	35.28	...	0.25
Income & Gwth	81.96	87.19	...	3.41
Intl Growth	60.73	64.61	...	0.33
Japan	70.57	75.07	...	..
Maximum Dist	95.88	101.90	...	6.97
Nth Amer Equity	42.41	45.12	...	0.12
UK Equity	97.52	103.70	...	2.15
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD Broadwalk Hse, 5 Appold St EC2A 2DA 071 588 2800				
Income	659.20	673.30†	...	4.64
Intl & General	451.30	460.50†	...	0.56
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT 1 White Hart Yard SE1 071 407 5966				
Inc & Growth Inc	58.76	62.51	-0.36	4.00
Smaller Cos	57.61	60.96	-0.14	0.82
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD Laurentian Hse, Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 623				
Growth Trust	258.20	274.70	-4.50	1.67
High Income	114.60	121.70	-2.20	3.89
International	99.30	105.70	-2.30	0.13
Recovery Trust	67.12	71.40	-1.17	1.33
European Trust	83.80	89.15†	-2.22	0.38
Japanese Trust	49.97	53.16†	-0.68	..
American Trust	82.30	87.55	-0.95	..
Managed	69.46	73.89†	-0.82	0.41
Cash	51.71	51.71	+0.01	4.13
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD 21 Moorfields, London EC2P 2HT 071 374 0916				
UK Cap	364.70	370.20†	...	2.59
UK Inc/Gth	395.60	401.90†	...	2.87
UK Income	281.70	286.20†	...	3.47
UK Sm Cos	267.40	276.60†	...	1.34
Euro Gwth	121.80	122.80	...	...
N Amer Gwth	83.02	84.01	...	0.23
Jap & Pac Gth	90.49	91.76	...	...
Money Mkt	117.70	117.70	...	2.340
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 395				
Equity Dist	476.30	506.70†	-10.60	2.28
Equity Income	104.20	110.80†	-1.80	3.33
UK Tactical Allocn	56.75	60.27	-1.43	3.68
European	111.70	118.80†	-4.00	0.56
Far Eastern	255.50	271.80	-6.90	...
Fixed Interest	54.85	58.34	-0.63	6.04
Gilt	94.74	100.40	-2.80	5.91
Global Growth	81.68	86.89	-2.65	0.30
Intl Bond	54.70	58.11†	-0.80	4.99
Japanese	83.57	88.90	-1.36	...
North American	156.00	166.00†	-2.70	0.24
Pacific Growth	128.20	136.40	-4.20	...
UK Index	63.83	67.37	-1.45	2.70
UK Recovery	95.32	101.40	-1.50	1.48
UK Smaller Cos	132.10	140.50†	-0.60	0.97
US Index	59.73	63.04	-0.66	1.70
European Index	70.99	74.92†	-2.32	1.38
Japan Index	45.21	47.72	-0.55	...
Worldwide	88.33	93.97	-1.48	0.90
LINCOLN NATIONAL 1 Olympic Way, Wembley HA9 0NB 081 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 621				
Growth	49.37	52.80	-0.94	3.14
Income	61.01	65.25	-0.93	3.60
Far East	62.06	66.37	-0.91	...
North American	102.50	110.20	-1.30	...
Global	102.80	109.90†	-2.00	0.61
European	85.64	91.44†	-2.27	0.85
Japan	124.10	132.70	-1.30	...
Intl Currency Bd	58.71	62.23	-0.78	6.12
SE Asia	121.40	129.80	-2.90	0.71
UK Cap Growth	94.73	101.30	-2.10	1.82
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD PO Box 63, Chatham, Kent ME4 4YB Helpdesk: 0634 834 339 Dealing: 0634 834 323				
Balanced	352.50	375.00	-7.20	2.48
-do- Acc	783.40	832.40	-17.10	2.48
Contl Euro Gth	60.68	63.88	-1.90	1.05
-do- Acc	64.64	68.05	-2.02	1.05
Extra Inc	268.10	285.30	-4.50	3.38
-do- Acc	672.40	715.40	-11.20	3.38
German Gth	120.20	126.60	-1.90	...
-do- Acc	126.10	132.80	-1.90	...
Growth Port	565.00	601.10	-10.20	0.09
-do- Acc	569.80	606.20	-10.30	0.09
Income	504.30	536.50	-8.30	3.21
-do- Acc	1316.0	1400.0	-22.00	3.21
Income Port	528.60	562.40†	-6.70	3.86
-do- Acc	543.30	578.00	-6.90	3.86
Japan Growth	115.50	121.90	-1.20	...
-do- Acc	115.90	123.30	-1.20	...
Master Trust	60.61	64.48	-0.86	1.38
-do- Acc	66.73	70.99	-0.94	1.38
N American Gen	198.40	211.10	-2.00	...
-do- Acc	229.10	243.80	-2.30	...
NAm Sm Co Rec	157.20	167.30	+2.30	...
-do- Acc	160.40	170.70	+2.20	...
Pacific Basin	284.40	302.60†	-7.00	0.39
-do- Acc	301.70	321.00	-7.60	0.39
Small Cos Rec	379.50	399.50	-2.10	1.75
-do- Acc	498.40	524.70	-2.80	1.75
UK Growth	88.44	94.09	-1.80	2.00
-do- Acc	105.00	111.80	-2.10	2.00
Worldwide Gth	339.40	361.10	-2.80	0.27
-do- Acc	500.70	532.70	-2.90	0.27
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282 673				
American	65.98	70.79	-0.63	0.30
General	89.71	96.26	-1.92	2.40
Income	71.15	76.34†	-1.11	4.70
International	66.80	71.67	-1.18	0.70
Japan	61.96	66.48	-0.48	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	71.90	77.15	-1.28	1.60
M & G SECURITIES M & G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 0245 390 390				
Amer & General	414.20	438.00†	-1.70	0.74
Amer Recovery	471.00	498.10	-4.00	0.30
Amer Smllr Cos	134.40	142.10†	-0.50	...
Australasian	176.50	186.60†	-4.20	1.16
Capital	838.30	886.50†	-9.70	1.92
Charifund	725.90	733.20	-11.40	4.98
Commodity	396.60	419.40†	-2.00	0.33
Compound Grth	951.80	1006.5	-13.50	2.35
Dividend	41.80	44.20	-0.70	4.00
Equity Income	366.40	387.50†	-3.10	4.46
Euro & General	502.50	531.40	-9.70	0.54
Euro Dividend	72.30	76.50	-1.40	3.35
Extra Yield	438.10	463.20	-7.20	4.24
Far Eastern	402.40	425.50†	-7.20	0.18
Fund of Inv Tsts	638.10	674.80	-8.30	1.78
General	62.30	65.90	-1.40	3.54
Gilt Income	65.02	65.16†	-1.05	6.85
Gold	69.70	73.70	-0.90	0.58
High Income	29.90	31.60	-0.50	4.22
Intl Growth	81.00	85.70†	-0.80	0.68
International Inc	106.70	112.80	-1.10	4.09
Japan & Gen	52.60	55.60	-0.40	...
Japan Smllr Cos	184.40	195.00	+0.20	...
Managed Income	29.00	30.40†	-0.40	3.64
Midland	67.00	70.80	-0.50	2.36
Pension Ex	962.30	986.40	-16.60	3.75
Recovery	43.60	46.10	-0.60	2.10
Second General	74.70	79.00	-0.70	3.17
Smaller Cos	75.80	80.20†	-0.20	2.33
Treasury	25.02	25.05†	.	4.66
Trustee	44.90	47.50	-0.50	3.87
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD MGM House, Heene Rd, Worthing Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0903 204 631				
European Growth	79.68	84.76	-2.95	0.26
High Income	302.40	321.70	-5.90	4.13
Intl Bond	67.65	71.26	-0.64	5.11
Intl Eqity Growth	71.56	76.12	-1.54	0.32
N Amer Growth	98.23	104.49†	-0.92	0.76
Special Sits Growth	22.88	24.33†	-0.34	1.44
UK Growth	382.30	406.60	-8.50	2.34
MW INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD 46 Court St, Haddington, E Lothian 062 082 5867				
Joint Investors	1317.6	1346.9	..	2.65
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD c/o Baillie Gifford 1 Rutland Ct EH3 8EY 031 222 4262				
Maldon General	153.90	158.20	...	3.64
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD St George's Way, Stevenage Dealings: 0438 747 414				
Growth Units	195.10	208.70	-4.80	1.88
Gilt & Fxd Int	179.60	189.10	-3.40	7.12
Intl Growth	219.20	234.40	-2.90	0.15
North American	184.90	198.30	-1.50	0.33
Far East	282.30	302.90	-6.00	0.82
UK Smaller Cos	180.90	193.50	-0.80	1.34
European	79.13	83.57	-2.70	0.21
Japanese Growth	51.54	54.94	-0.32	..
Managed Pfolio	70.49	75.30	-1.46	1.34
High Income	190.90	204.20	-4.20	3.98
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 410, Chester X CH99 9QG 0244 680 066				
M & S Inv Pfolio	154.60	164.40	-1.85	1.63
-do- Accum	174.50	185.60	-1.85	1.63
UK Sel Pfolio	131.30	139.60	-1.97	1.75
-do- Accum	149.50	159.20	-1.97	1.75
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 57 Victoria Square, Bolton BL1 1LA 0204 384 842				
Managed Tst	70.12	74.58†	...	3.42
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Ct, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh 031 479 4646				
Intl Income	78.00	82.50†	-2.06	4.37
European	82.66	87.75†	-2.01	0.43
Income & Growth	79.87	84.79†	-1.58	2.49
Nth American	60.66	64.39	-0.63	0.34
Far East	185.40	196.80	-5.30	..
Charities	122.30	129.90†	-2.00	3.31
Japan	62.16	65.99†	-0.73	..
Emrging Mkts	128.40	137.30†	-1.70	0.17
Intl Growth	114.50	121.60	-1.90	0.09
UK Growth	93.32	99.07	-0.49	0.55
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St EC4R 9AS Dealing: 071 280 2860				
American	204.30	217.30	-1.80	...
(Accum Units)	218.30	232.10	-2.00	...
American Opps	91.81	97.93	-0.52	..
(Accum Units)	92.96	99.16	-0.52	..
British Blue Chip	90.39	95.52	-2.10	2.99
(Accum Units)	96.69	102.80	-2.60	2.99
Cash	100.50	100.50		4.79
(Accum Units)	133.20	133.20		4.79
Emerging Mkts	135.90	144.00	-2.00	..
European Growth	243.10	258.40	-8.00	0.62
(Accum Units)	261.70	278.10	-8.70	0.62
European Income	84.90	90.17	-2.75	2.70
(Accum Units)	111.20	119.10	-3.50	2.70
General	527.60	562.40	-18.30	2.15
(Accum Units)	1022	1089	-35.00	2.15
Global Bond	128.20	134.80	-2.70	5.91
(Accum Units)	147.60	155.20	-3.20	5.91
Gold & General	189.20	203.40	-1.90	0.46
(Accum Units)	193.30	207.90	-2.00	0.46
Govt Securities	95.77	98.74	-2.36	7.20
(Accum Units)	177.40	182.90	-4.40	7.20
Income	157.00	166.90†	-3.90	4.08
(Accum Units)	238.10	253.20†	-5.90	4.08
International	461.90	492.00	-7.90	0.57
(Accum Units)	616.10	656.10	-10.60	0.57
Japan	210.00	222.70†	+0.50	..
(Accum Units)	215.60	229.50†	+0.30	...

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
New Europe	176.30	186.00†	-4.20	1.38
(Accum Units)	180.30	192.30†	-4.40	1.38
Pacific	139.20	148.50	-1.60	0.56
(Accum Units)	148.10	158.00	-1.70	0.56
Recovery	360.40	384.40	-3.50	2.33
(Accum Units)	456.90	487.40	-4.50	2.33
UK Smaller Cos	64.85	69.17†	-0.41	1.37
(Accum Units)	72.89	77.75†	-0.40	1.37
Portfolio	83.08	88.33	-1.77	2.56
(Accum Units)	95.36	101.30	-2.10	2.56
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	114.28	121.57	-3.53	0.88
Intl Strategy	66.80	71.06	-1.34	0.07
UK Income Inc	79.17	84.22	-0.84	4.43
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
International (US$)	13.74	14.61	...	...
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealers: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gwth	313.10	333.00	-2.80	...
European Gth Inc	380.00	405.00	-9.50	...
Intl Gwth	200.30	214.10	-3.40	...
UK Equity Inc	185.50	197.70†	-2.50	2.96
UK Ind Trckr Inc	161.30	172.70†	+3.80	2.81
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	197.90	210.40†	-1.70	1.46
Japan Tracker	82.88	87.78	-0.88	...
Asian Trader	226.10	245.20	-5.60	0.41
Managed Inc	153.80	165.50	-1.80	1.57
Deposit Inc	100.04	100.04	+0.01	4.46
Europa	175.90	189.00†	-2.40	...
Genesis	165.60	180.20	-0.60	...
High Income	23.24	24.64†	-0.39	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX 0345 090 933				
Acumen	97.16	99.22	-1.88	2.17
Acumen Inc	93.53	95.51	-1.78	2.17
Acumen Reserve	85.75	86.60†	-1.17	6.83
-do- Inc	78.19	78.98†	-1.07	6.83
Americas Growth	174.80	187.30†	-1.90	1.24
Cash Income	49.64	50.15†	+0.01	4.31
Equity Income	100.60	103.40†	-2.40	4.35
European	73.08	74.86	-2.38	0.65
Smaller Cos	84.45	88.02	-0.79	0.82
Olympiad	69.87	71.96†	-1.83	...
Global Bond	47.65	48.16†	-0.81	5.98
UK Growth	93.53	98.19	-1.71	1.58
Pacific Growth	117.50	121.60	-2.70	...
Japan Growth	104.60	106.60	-0.50	...
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Avon Equity	120.11	127.76	-1.83	2.82
NM UNIT TRUST MGRS Enterprise Hse, Isambard Brunel Rd, Portsmouth Enq: 0705 882 695 Dlg: 0705 832 640				
NM Managed Portfolio Service				
Cap Gth Inc Inc	111.00	118.00†	-0.20	1.50
Open Cap Gth Inc	112.90	120.10†	...	1.30
NM Unit Trusts				
American	44.94	47.88	-0.38	1.64
Australian	352.00	377.60	-8.60	...
Conscience	74.97	80.01	-2.36	0.44
European	194.50	206.90	-7.10	0.72
Extra Income	77.33	82.59†	-1.46	5.38
Gilt & FI	59.30	62.58†	-1.25	5.91
Gold	61.88	66.26	-2.09	...
Income	57.22	61.03	-1.14	3.81
Intnl	33.74	36.08	-0.74	0.69
Jap Smaller Cos	389.10	415.00	-3.20	...
Sing & Malaysian	255.50	273.90	-6.70	...
Smaller Cos	32.32	34.75	-0.79	0.58
Special Sits	38.00	40.86	-0.64	1.50
Sterling Deposit	100.60	100.60	...	4.90
Tokyo	92.90	99.09	-1.11	...
UK Equity	179.00	190.90	-3.70	2.60
US Smaller Cos	118.00	126.20	-0.30	...
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
UK Growth	77.61	82.57	-1.24	1.67
UK Income	113.10	120.40	-2.20	3.37
Gilt & Fixed Int	75.46	79.86†	-1.93	6.35
Higher Income	232.50	247.40	-3.70	4.18
Smaller Cos	91.15	96.97	-0.24	1.31
International	102.10	108.70	-2.10	1.11
NATIONAL PROV INV MGRS LTD 48 Gracechurch St EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
Americas Dist	111.80	119.60	-1.00	...
European Dist	103.60	110.80	-2.70	...
Far East Dist	193.40	206.80†	-3.30	...
Global Care Dist	75.51	80.76	-1.06	2.28
Oseas Dist	1039.3	1111.6†	-18.80	0.33
UK Dist	351.20	375.60	-8.10	1.93
UK Extra Inc Dist	79.34	84.86†	-1.32	3.43
Wwide Dist	107.50	114.90	-2.10	...
Wwide Inc Dist	72.73	77.79	-1.21	1.88
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Dlg: 0277 690 280 Admin Enq: 0277 690 395				
Europe Inc	59.50	62.80†	-2.39	0.37
Fund of Funds Inc	59.26	62.54	-1.31	0.58
North America Inc	50.83	53.65	-0.56	0.47
UK Equity Grth Inc	61.73	65.15	-1.18	1.60
UK General Inc	59.90	63.22	-1.22	2.02
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	49.51	52.12	-1.34	6.39
UK Income Inc	60.91	64.29†	-1.21	2.55
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD 71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR Dealer: 0800 440 080 Private client: 0800 550 800 Broker: 0800 660 080				
Income	234.12	249.07	-4.83	3.20
Global	357.69	380.53†	-5.48	1.04
General	199.23	211.95	-2.82	1.17
Bond	131.56	139.71	-1.62	6.03
Growth	130.09	138.40	-1.86	1.55
Intrepid	130.15	135.58	...	1.70
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS PO Box 124, Surrey Street, Norwich 0603 682 224				
Master Trust	124.88	132.84†	-2.26	1.27
UK Equity	141.12	150.13†	-3.06	2.94
UK Equity Income	137.27	146.03	-2.37	3.54
UK Smaller Cos	130.90	139.26	-0.98	1.22
UK Equity Growth	132.04	140.47	-2.50	2.59
UK Index Trckg	144.05	153.24†	-2.10	3.12
Intl Index Trckg	146.28	155.62†	-2.52	0.99
International	236.91	252.03	-4.48	0.65
European	180.33	191.84†	-5.25	0.42
Pan European	126.76	134.85	-3.69	1.19
North American	161.23	171.52	-1.41	0.49
N Amer Smllr Cos	186.55	198.46	-1.35	..
Japanese	104.12	110.77	-0.89	...
Pacific	251.86	267.94	-5.73	0.01
South East Asian	275.56	293.15	-7.08	0.27
Intl Bond	134.58	143.06†	-3.12	4.32
Gilt & Convertible	109.04	115.91	-2.87	8.94
Property	87.98	93.60	-0.37	5.32
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Pearl Centre, Lynch Wd, Peterborough PE2 6FY Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 0733 470 470				
Equity	244.30	259.90	-5.10	2.16
Growth	158.60	166.90	-2.80	2.30
Income	247.20	263.00	-5.00	3.17
Intl Equity	254.90	271.10	-4.40	0.51
UK Income	67.99	72.33†	-1.33	2.79
UK Intl 25	79.45	84.51	-1.66	1.67
New Europe	73.37	78.05	-2.13	...
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417 000				
Intl Gwth	614.62	657.95	-10.90	0.15
Income	349.50	374.23	-3.33	2.57
Wwide Recovery	388.24	415.23	-7.44	0.25
Amer Growth Inc	227.27	243.07†	-3.56	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	260.68	278.81	-4.71	0.01
Far Esm Grth Inc	310.02	331.58	-9.69	0.01
Euro Gwth Inc	139.95	149.68	-2.24	0.40
UK Growth Inc	87.73	93.83†	-0.84	2.12
High Income	96.20	102.89	-1.00	3.39
Jap Gwth Inc	251.33	267.13†	-3.60	0.01
PEP Growth	121.42	129.87	-2.14	0.69
Asian Str Mkts Inc	134.92	144.31	-5.01	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	139.37	149.06	-2.43	0.01
Global Bond	59.70	62.92†	-1.30	5.39
UK Smaller Cos Inc	84.90	90.81	-0.77	0.86
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 39 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6RQ Admin & dealing: Unit Trust Accounting & Mgmt Ltd, 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
American	110.98	118.06	+0.49	...
European	70.74	75.26	..	...
Global	71.92	76.51	-0.14	...
Pacific	72.48	77.11	-0.27	0.05
UK Inc & Gwth	68.67	73.05	+0.04	1.86
POINTON YORK UT MGRS The Crescent, King St, Leicester LE1 6RX 0533 550 540				
BRI Director Digs	107.31	114.28	-0.60	...
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Portfolio	167.81	176.64†	...	0.60
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 37 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458 721				
Monthly Income	62.48	66.22	-0.44	1.86
Growth Income	64.60	68.47	-0.57	1.21
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 16 South Park, Sevenoaks TN13 1AN 0732 740 700				
Principal Tst	137.42	146.20†	-1.38	1.73
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook EC4N 8LD Enquiries: 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443				
American Income	97.90	104.10†	-0.50	2.74
Conv & Gilt	125.90	134.00†	-1.30	5.17
European Income	76.00	80.86	-2.63	2.35
Extra Income	160.70	171.00	-3.10	3.52
Far East	425.90	453.00	-16.90	0.20
Global Income	27.69	29.46†	-0.66	4.24
High Income	122.00	129.80	-3.80	3.26
International	216.30	230.10	-4.40	0.37
Pref & Fxd Int	45.20	48.08†	-1.25	7.02
Recovery	85.31	90.75	-1.64	1.61
Special Sits	113.30	120.50	-2.00	1.41
Technology	355.60	378.30	-1.80	...
UK Blue Chip	69.51	74.26†	-1.85	2.58
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone ME14 1XX 0622 674 751				
General	53.79	57.22	-1.27	2.45
International	94.55	100.59	-1.65	0.67
Gilt	26.37	27.19†	-0.71	6.50
Income & Gwth	77.20	82.13†	-0.44	4.43
European	51.27	54.54†	-2.08	1.17
American	53.99	57.33	-1.95	0.05
Emerging Mkts	99.94	106.32	-2.99	0.48
UK Smaller Cos	34.81	37.03†	-0.38	1.46
Gilts/Fixed Interest	27.51	29.27†	-0.44	5.48
Global PEP	40.65	43.24	-0.88	1.45
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL FD MGRS LTD 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768 888				
European Inc	249.60	267.30	-7.40	0.74
Japan Inc	113.00	120.80	-1.50	...
Nth American Inc	115.60	124.50	-1.20	0.12
Worldwide Inc	169.90	182.70	-3.80	0.68
Hong Kong Inc	161.00	173.80	-6.50	0.19
Swiss Equities Inc	65.96	70.45	-2.22	0.36
Wwide Bond Inc	66.23	70.19†	..	6.28
Emrging Asia Inc	212.40	231.90	-5.50	0.33
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.15	51.15†	..	4.75
Thailand Inc	147.20	159.30	-4.00	0.83
Gold Trust Inc	83.26	89.86	-1.42	0.10
New Zealand Inc	93.83	100.50	-2.60	1.07
Int Mngd PEP Inc	66.96	72.47†	-1.31	1.64
Latin Am Corp Inc	96.92	103.60†	-2.33	0.03
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	59.90	63.38†	-1.36	2.17
Le Fond Francais	69.85	75.30	-2.50	0.38
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	85.70	90.61	+0.15	1.42
Global Portfolio	76.63	81.96	+0.03	..
Global Opps	76.74	82.08	+0.18	0.43
Marsh Global Grth	71.06	75.76	-1.29	1.84
AAM Global Equity	59.20	62.75	+0.03	0.76
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	93.57	101.20	-1.60	0.87
CAM Brit Inc Inc	...	...	...	...
CAM Int Recvy Inc	50.67	55.38	-1.18	0.61
Temple Equity Inc	48.57	52.95†	-1.12	2.71
Hartley Growth	81.97	87.20	-0.01	0.58
Intl Growth Inc	86.50	92.58	..	1.40
IPS Portfolio Inc	92.69	99.13†	-0.12	0.22
St Jms Mn Inc Inc	50.64	53.17	-0.25	2.43

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Premier Perfmt Inc	72.25	77.61†	-0.02	0.84
Roxburgh Strat Gth	77.32	82.70	+0.04	0.94
Tech Analysis	109.10	116.10	+2.30	0.70
Bombay Growth	44.04	47.11†	-0.26	...
International Strat	81.49	87.18†	-0.17	...
UPC Ind-Ad Grth	58.04	62.12	-0.22	...
Coverdale Topcat	54.04	58.15	-0.23	...
Prem Equity Inc	97.73	103.80	-1.40	...
Lowes Intl Growth	48.29	50.83	-0.41	1.12
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 25-31 Moorgate, London EC2R 6BA 071 588 3963				
Equity Gth	173.20	184.30	-2.00	1.81
European Gth	95.70	101.30	-2.50	0.44
Income & Gth	140.40	149.40†	-2.80	2.49
Japan Gth	132.00	139.80	+0.40	...
Nth Amer Gth	119.30	126.90	-0.90	...
Overseas Gth	89.93	95.67	-1.15	...
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51-59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377 Client Enq: 071 911 4490 Intermed dlg: 071 911 4914 Priceline: 0426 925 091				
Managed Tst	37.19	39.77†	-0.52	1.37
Cash Haven Inc	101.02	101.52†	+0.01	3.89
Cash Haven Acc	108.11	108.64†	+0.01	3.89
Global Growth	90.68	96.95†	-1.91	0.85
Equity Inc	88.21	94.34†	-1.44	3.23
Equity	742.78	794.41	-15.30	2.26
European	202.85	216.95	-7.49	0.72
High Income	96.21	102.89	-1.23	3.04
Intl Grth	183.93	196.71†	-4.86	0.79
Intl Sm Co	82.20	87.91	-1.15	0.21
Japanese	222.31	237.76†	-2.48	...
Nth Amer	162.36	173.86	-1.76	0.91
Pacific Mkts	105.58	112.91†	-4.59	0.61
Premier Inc	51.17	53.27†	-0.80	6.10
Sm Cos	97.58	104.36	-0.70	1.75
Spec Sits	112.73	120.56	-1.85	2.09
UK Growth	123.39	131.96†	-2.53	2.02
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD Reliance House, Tunbridge Wells, Kent 0892 510 033				
British Life	316.10	335.30	-7.00	2.83
Reliance Inc	176.80	188.00	-2.70	2.43
ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD Bulman House, Regent Centre, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3NG 091 285 2555				
Managed	101.20	107.40	-2.20	1.81
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4 Dealers: 071 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	537.71	573.07	-3.49	0.56
FA America (Acc)	626.95	667.93	-4.07	0.56
FA UK Equity Inc	164.12	175.35	-3.35	3.09
FA Japan	297.10	316.47	-3.07	...
FA Major UK Cos	97.51	104.12	-2.71	2.04
FA Smllr UK Cos	319.00	340.51†	-2.04	0.74
FA European	310.42	328.40	-5.35	0.58
FA Amer Smllr Cos	47.96	51.35	-0.14	...
FA Asia	54.89	59.13	-1.11	...
FA Jap Smllr Cos	56.59	60.36	+0.24	...
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	95.75	100.78	-2.58	...
UK Smllr Cos	90.51	95.27	-0.52	...
UK Income	94.29	99.24	-1.86	...
America	107.39	113.03	-0.66	...
Japanese	65.14	68.56	-0.63	...
European	98.58	103.76	-1.64	...
Gilt	87.21	91.80	-1.51	...
Deposit	79.99	83.78	+0.02	...
Managed	99.96	105.22	-2.16	...
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	93.43	98.34	-2.50	...
UK Smaller Cos	88.65	93.31	-0.50	...
UK Income	92.18	97.02	-1.82	...
America	104.78	110.29	-0.64	...
Japanese	63.58	66.92	-0.62	...
European	96.22	101.28	-1.61	...
Gilt	85.30	90.73	-1.40	...
Deposit	76.07	80.07	+0.01	...
Managed	95.32	100.33	-1.84	...
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD PO Box 34, Peterborough PE2 0UE Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000 Dealing: 0733 393 000				
United States	74.84	79.82	-0.33	0.11
Pacific Basin	89.16	95.63	-1.15	...
High Inc Dist	132.90	142.10	-2.60	4.27
Ryl Life Inc Cmry	61.80	65.71†	-0.64	3.42
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	70.00	74.73	-0.81	0.32
Ryl Life Intl Spec	64.96	69.10	-0.72	...
UK Emerging Cos	128.70	139.10	-0.40	1.36
UK Index Trckg	172.30	183.60	-0.90	3.06
European	122.80	131.70	-2.40	0.29
Managed	148.80	160.00†	-1.70	0.80
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD Royal Lndn Hse, Colchester CO1 1RA 0206 764 400				
American Growth	151.90	160.80†	-0.70	0.27
European Growth	110.10	116.30†	-1.20	0.73
Far East Growth	142.90	152.10	-0.90	0.05
Japan Growth	158.80	168.40	..	...
Special Sits	211.00	224.40	-1.60	1.15
UK Growth	80.20	85.31	-1.20	1.85
Trison General	247.50	263.40	-1.90	0.42
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NS 041 307 6500				
Far East Inc	191.70	202.90	-3.70	0.19
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	348.20	365.30	-7.80	0.19
Growth Inc	131.10	138.70	-2.20	0.27
International Inc	343.00	363.00	-5.70	0.19
Nth Am & Intl Inc	329.70	348.90	-3.90	0.13
UK Gen Prog Inc	216.90	229.50	-2.80	0.62
UK High Inc Inc	142.20	150.50	-2.20	3.32
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD City Place Hse, 55 Basinghall St EC2V 5DU 071 330 0572				
American Gwth	66.18	70.40	-0.39	...
Amer Smllr Cos	86.23	91.73	-0.58	...
Asian Gwth	117.87	125.39†	-2.97	0.75
European Gwth	70.04	74.51	-1.29	1.00
Global Bd	60.56	63.97†	-0.61	5.00
Global Eq	70.17	74.65	-1.13	0.50
Japanese Eq	63.65	67.92	-0.80	...
Japan Sm Cos	75.30	80.11†	-0.78	...
UK Gen	57.11	60.75	-0.49	2.80
UK Gwth	61.68	65.61	-0.49	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth	72.14	76.74	-0.40	3.80
Amer Smllr Cos	112.60	119.80†	-0.70	...
Asian Smaller Cos	60.33	64.18	-1.72	...
Capital Portfolio	135.90	144.60	-2.60	1.67
Capital	169.80	180.60	-2.90	0.51
Cash	122.10	122.10	+0.10	5.09
China Dragon	69.95	74.42	-1.66	0.67
Commodity	134.30	142.90†	-1.00	0.54
Eastern Discovery	120.20	127.90	-2.60	...
Energy Inds	119.50	127.10†	-1.30	0.17
European Gwth	191.10	203.30	-5.60	0.09
Euro Inc & Gwth	79.20	84.26†	-2.06	1.48
Euro Smllr Cos	53.46	56.87	-0.58	...
Financial Secs	203.40	216.40	-6.40	0.57
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	51.23	54.09†	-0.36	8.12
Gold & Exploration	85.35	90.80†	-0.56	0.28
High Return	240.20	255.50	-3.50	3.11
High Yield	238.30	253.40	-3.10	3.35
Income	126.50	134.60†	-1.50	4.08
Intl Bond	169.20	178.80†	-1.20	5.42
ITU	220.20	234.30	-3.40	0.51
Japan Growth	187.00	198.90	..	...
Japan Smaller	213.60	227.30	-0.80	...
Korea	83.44	88.77	-0.86	...
Masterfund	57.70	61.38	-0.63	0.53
Scotbits	302.60	321.90	-9.40	0.89
Scotshares	303.20	322.60	-4.20	1.46
Scotyields	244.90	260.50†	-4.00	3.05
Select Intl	149.90	159.50	-2.20	0.52
Smaller Cos Inc	272.50	289.90	-1.20	3.31
SE Asia	657.20	699.10	-14.60	...
Special Situation	129.30	137.60	-1.30	0.50
UK Equity	249.50	265.40†	-4.10	2.54
UK Growth	68.90	73.30	-0.96	1.18
UK Smllr Cos Gwth	51.27	54.54†	-0.23	0.97
US Growth	151.60	161.30†	-0.70	0.10
Univ Growth	150.10	159.70	-2.20	0.34
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St EC4V 4EJ Client: 0800 526 535 Broker: 0800 526 540 General Enquiries: 071 382 3800				
Retail Funds				
American	249.99	265.95	-5.59	0.66
Australian	...	...	...	...
European Gwth	71.42	76.08	-2.23	0.58
Euro Smllr Cos	72.55	77.38	-1.55	0.06
Far Eastern Gth	106.14	113.22†	-2.51	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	54.09	57.02†	-1.42	7.23
Global Bond	53.49	55.26	-0.67	5.27
Global Emer Mkts	61.40	65.49	-1.26	0.64
Income	362.45	386.61†	-7.34	3.34
Japan Smllr Cos	523.21	558.09	+0.81	...
Japan Enterprise	76.19	81.26	-1.22	...
Pacific Gwth	146.67	156.44†	-3.42	...
Seoul	57.87	62.47	-0.71	...
Smaller Cos	227.91	243.10	-1.56	0.50
Tokyo	130.50	139.20†	-1.20	...
UK Enterprise	249.93	266.59	-5.33	1.96
UK Equity	243.52	259.75†	-5.40	2.27
US Smllr Cos	157.20	167.67	-4.41	...
World Fd	81.93	87.39†	-1.64	1.66
Institutional Funds				
European	227.84	236.49†	-7.18	1.36
Euro Smllr Cos	29.51	30.73	-0.43	1.49
Global Equity Inc	79.51	82.82	-1.39	0.55
Japan Smllr Cos	40.61	42.30	+0.20	0.05
Mngd Balanced	191.42	199.39	-2.98	2.38
Overseas Equity	190.10	198.02	-3.37	0.57
Oseas Smllr Cos	130.24	135.66†	-0.91	0.34
Pacific	269.50	280.72	-5.41	0.65
Recovery	2041.8	2126.81	-34.44	2.31
UK Index	157.83	164.40	-3.45	2.66
UK Small Cos	125.52	130.75†	-0.84	2.36
US Smllr Cos	44.74	46.60	-1.22	0.14
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	53.17	56.63	-0.59	2.76
Equity Trust	61.40	65.39	-0.91	2.01
Equity Strategy	72.61	77.33	-0.57	0.93
European Opps	86.56	92.19	-0.69	0.49
UK Smaller Cos	70.29	74.86	...	0.86
Maximum Income	98.13	100.64	+0.08	4.55
Japanese	84.43	89.94	-0.43	...
Asia Pacific	136.55	145.43	-2.44	...
American	109.18	116.28	-1.17	0.16
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD 28 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 0800 454 422				
Cash	29.95	29.95	...	4.624
UK General Inc	53.43	56.90	-1.20	2.18
Intl Income	284.00	302.90	-8.00	2.71
European	74.70	79.11	-2.44	1.39
Japan	75.11	80.00	-0.75	0.08
American	67.54	71.48	-0.34	1.74
Far East	98.82	105.41	-2.63	0.49
Ethical Inc	32.95	35.24†	-0.11	1.49
UK Blue Chip Inc	33.48	35.77†	-0.36	2.45
High Inc Inc	38.55	41.12	-0.66	3.08
UK Global Inc	41.42	44.21†	-0.85	1.11
Wwide Tact	78.77	84.24	-1.83	0.90
Europe 2000 Tact	52.87	56.08	-1.62	0.89
Technology	107.74	114.55	-0.81	0.86
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	388.30	414.40	-8.50	2.36
American	272.10	290.00	-3.90	0.80
Pacific	421.40	450.70	-9.80	0.49
European	523.40	559.80	-18.80	0.92
Worldwide	96.40	103.10	-1.30	0.69
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	278.60	296.40	-7.90	1.69
UK Str Co Eq Inc	219.20	233.20	-1.30	1.11
Select Opptny Inc	70.91	75.85†	-1.30	1.55
Income Plus Inc	74.17	78.91†	-2.00	3.19
European Inc	335.60	357.10	-14.10	1.03
Far Eastern Inc	183.30	195.00	-4.60	0.48
Japanese Inc	70.21	74.70	-0.24	...

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Nth American Inc	256.10	274.60	-2.10	0.38
Intl Growth Inc	214.30	228.00	-3.60	0.70
Wwide Venture Inc	81.42	86.62†	-2.20	0.74
SCOTTISH PROV INV MGMT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 556 2340				
Equity Growth Inc	24.73	26.47	-0.49	2.68
Intl Growth Inc	32.37	34.65	-0.50	0.70
Market Leaders Inc	23.11	24.73	-0.60	2.68
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 655 3724				
Equity Inc	387.90	413.70	-4.80	2.63
UK High Inc	201.90	215.30	-1.60	4.95
Europe Inc	339.50	362.00	-6.30	0.52
Nth Amer Inc	224.30	239.20	-0.80	...
Global Inc	220.80	235.50	-4.70	0.50
UK Spec Sits Inc	111.90	119.30	-1.00	4.88
South East Asia	241.40	257.40	-3.20	2.13
Cash Trust Inc	100.90	100.90	...	4.51
UK Smllr Cos Inc	116.60	124.30	-0.10	1.48
Intl Bond Inc	97.19	103.20	-1.20	6.13
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	171.60	180.20†	-3.90	3.70
SHARP (ALBERT E) & CO 5 Rayleigh Rd Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
European	121.90	128.30	-3.90	0.80
Nth American	105.90	111.50	-0.90	0.42
Ind Bond & Conv	136.10	143.20	-1.10	4.33
Pooled Pension (E)	194.50	208.10	...	...
Smaller Cos	76.64	80.67	-0.50	1.07
UK General	133.20	140.20	-3.10	1.84
SHEPPARDS UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Income	420.25	447.07†	-9.34	4.13
Global Inc	67.84	72.17†	-1.85	2.60
Brit Leaders	333.88	355.19†	-7.76	2.27
Intl Leaders	207.56	220.81†	-3.89	0.61
PAM Mg Bal Grth	67.14	69.76†	-0.21	0.92
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New St, London EC2M 4HR 071 626 6226				
European ‡	116.40	...	-3.00	...
Global Bond ‡	104.10	...	-1.20	7.16
Samurai ‡	97.56	...	-1.21	...
UK Growth ‡	117.00	...	-1.40	3.38
Tai Pan ‡	111.10	...	-2.20	...
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS 1 Riding House St, London W1A 3AS 071 637 5377				
American	307.00	324.80	-2.40	0.36
Canadian	82.18	86.96	-1.00	0.26
Capital	138.70	148.50†	-1.80	0.97
Cash	101.81	101.81	+0.01	4.67
European	134.50	142.20	-2.40	0.09
Far Eastern	188.40	199.30	-1.90	...
Growth	152.30	161.10†	-2.00	0.87
Income	134.90	142.70†	-3.50	4.23
Magnum	148.80	159.30	-2.10	0.96
Smllr Secs	400.10	423.30†	-1.60	0.44
Thoroughbred	172.30	185.20	-2.40	0.75
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 12 Christchurch Rd, Bournemouth 0202 298 422				
Cash	50.15	50.65	...	4.19
Cntrld Prfmnce	60.52	64.55†	-0.60	7.30
Ethical	60.26	64.11†	-0.94	3.00
European Growth	70.94	75.67	-2.40	2.20
Income	58.54	62.44	-1.08	5.30
Intl Growth	97.50	104.00	-2.70	2.50
Managed	81.88	87.34	-2.01	3.20
UK Growth	64.08	68.35†	-1.27	3.40
STANDARD LIFE TST MGMT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393 777				
Managed Acc	52.11	55.37	-0.70	1.31
UK Equity Gth Acc	75.21	79.92	-0.90	1.09
-do- High Inc Inc	40.29	42.81	-0.40	2.96
-do- High Inc Acc	48.39	51.42	-0.40	2.96
UK Equity Gen Acc	63.60	67.58	-0.90	1.86
UK Equity Gen Inc	47.94	50.94	-0.70	1.86
UK Lrgr Co Acc	441.20	478.80	-6.30	3.11
UK Lrgr Co Inc	334.90	363.20	-4.80	3.11
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	33.19	35.10	-0.40	5.38
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	322.90	350.40	-2.10	1.14
Nth American Acc	45.75	48.61	-0.30	0.61
Far East Acc	71.80	76.29	-0.30	0.08
European Acc	49.88	53.00	-1.00	0.59
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD 28 King Street, London SW1 6QW 071 344 7000				
Global A (N/Z$)	3.918	4.161	-0.066	1.26
US Eqs (US$)	2.333	2.466	-0.043	0.65
Far East Eqs (yen)	255.50	271.40	+4.10	...
Japan Eqties (yen)	261.10	277.30	-3.70	...
FT Europe	126.90	134.70	-6.70	1.79
FT N Amer (US$)	1.767	1.874	-0.027	1.18
FT Japan (yen)	243.20	258.30	+5.90	...
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	2.555	2.714	-0.164	1.05
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	379.90	405.60	-1.10	0.06
British	1097.1	1160.7†	-13.80	3.15
Emrging Mkts	171.50	183.10	-4.40	0.20
European	521.90	555.80	-6.90	1.00
Japan	171.20	181.90†	-0.40	...
New Pacific	410.30	439.20	-9.70	0.67
Investment Tst	237.40	251.60†	-5.30	0.96
Mngd Equity	183.80	194.50	-1.70	1.34
Mngd Cash	95.98	95.98	+0.01	4.56
Majority Stg	99.86	100.88†	...	4.33
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 389				
Equity	842.40	901.00	-18.40	2.63
North America	133.40	142.70	-1.00	0.47
Far East	160.90	172.10	-3.70	...
Wwide Bond	60.51	64.24	-0.92	4.69
European	101.50	108.60	-3.70	...
Equity Income	96.77	103.50	-2.00	3.73
Portfolio	88.54	94.70	-1.91	0.56
UK Leading Cos	59.70	63.51	-1.53	3.18
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	73.09	78.17	+0.06	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants 0800 525 725				
American Growth	36.75	38.24	-0.29	0.46
Managed Assets	131.65	140.81	-2.66	2.44
UK Income	40.75	43.59	-0.91	2.46
UK Growth	40.24	43.04	-0.86	1.86
Worldwide Growth	36.15	38.67	-0.55	0.19
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD 101, Cannon St, London EC4N 5AD Admin & Enq: 071 606 4044 Dlg: 071 606 6010				
Master Portfolio	51.95	55.56	-0.08	...
Cap Protector Inc	44.48	47.57	-0.63	2.22
UK Income Inc	54.61	58.43	-1.07	2.55
Mngd Extra Inc Inc	33.61	35.95	-0.50	3.39
Mngd High Yld Inc	83.47	89.27†	-1.47	3.50
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	80.01	85.57	-1.51	2.51
Mngd Wwide Gth	39.15	41.87	-0.06	...
UK Smaller Cos	37.35	39.95	-0.36	1.46
Pacific Grth Port	48.31	51.67†	-1.41	...
SWISS LIFE UNIT TST MAN CO LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Equity Dist	563.10	595.90	-11.30	1.92
Fixed Int Dist	124.30	128.80	-1.60	7.02
UK Indx Trck Dist	134.30	142.10	-3.00	2.65
TSB UNIT TRUSTS Charlton Pl, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE 0264 346 794				
American	226.24	240.68	-2.27	...
Brit Growth	95.68	101.79	-3.10	1.72
European	108.42	115.34†	-3.56	0.25
Extra Income	209.54	222.92†	-3.33	3.52
Smaller Cos	80.87	86.04†	-0.42	0.79
General	296.44	315.36†	-6.99	1.99
Premier Income	54.19	56.44†	-0.78	5.54
Income	364.98	388.28	-7.19	3.09
Pacific	447.73	476.31	-11.65	...
International	567.69	603.92	-14.24	0.07
Nat Resources	175.01	186.18	-4.63	0.16
Sktd Opps	116.35	123.77	-2.16	0.88
Environmental Inv	65.02	69.17	-1.72	1.42
Selector	67.65	71.97	-1.21	2.06
High Income	68.44	72.80	-1.21	4.08
Intl Income	62.07	66.04	-0.97	4.36
Selector Income	65.29	69.46	-1.10	4.83
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	343.30	361.30	-5.70	2.47
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2EH 031 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	201.22	215.20	-5.36	1.53
Glob Balnced Inc	171.66	183.60	-4.05	2.73
Value Tst Inc	122.46	130.98	-2.46	1.49
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Queen Street, London EC4R 1AX 071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3001				
Amer Smllr Cos	68.73	73.31†	-0.46	...
European Opps	...	...	...	...
Dresdner Eur Bd	41.47	43.63†	-1.02	8.69
Japan Tst	94.16	100.43	-0.70	...
Little Dragons	105.92	112.98	-3.24	0.41
Oriental Income	50.81	54.19	-0.96	4.57
Tiger	296.80	316.58	-7.86	0.50
UK Blue Chip	64.38	68.78	-1.58	2.87
UK Smllr Cos	110.71	118.40†	-0.57	1.70
Formerly Allianz				
Nth Amer Gwth	228.76	243.36†	-2.84	0.65
European Growth	270.03	286.18	-9.47	1.13
Exempt	547.79	572.36†	-11.56	3.35
Far Eastern	...	...	...	...
UK High Yield	110.04	117.08†	-2.18	3.27
Iberian Growth	47.02	50.02	-3.39	...
Intl Growth	110.60	117.89	-2.07	0.98
Preference	129.60	137.87	-1.47	7.91
UK Recovery	285.74	303.98	-3.90	1.84
UK Smlr Cos Div	109.24	116.21†	-1.22	4.18
Smaller Cos	...	...	...	...
UK Growth	530.59	564.46	-10.44	1.99
WARDLEY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 3 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GJ 071 955 5855				
Exempt	371.70	391.30	...	2.01
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	34.00	36.17	-0.91	...
Pacific Basin	42.63	45.35	-0.53	0.60
Cmi Balncd Gwth	36.77	39.11	-0.70	...
Global Bond (US$)	0.9185	0.9567	-0.007	5.75
Penny Share	31.04	33.02	-0.04	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 600 0462				
Challenger	98.98	101.30	-2.70	...
Short Dtd Gilt	112.80	114.30	-1.20	...
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.7235	0.7326	-0.000	2.27
Gilt Income	53.50	55.68	-0.98	6.75
Gilt Growth	73.12	76.09	-2.14	...
City Reserve	52.09	52.09	...	4.18
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	80.03	85.13	-0.69	1.66

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

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Joe McGann leads the cast as Steinbeck's Of Mice and Men comes to the British stage

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Dangerous ground for Antony Sher, making a BBC2 black comedy out of a Nazi atrocity



Altman's city of lost angels

CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** on *Short Cuts*, the latest triumph for Hollywood's eternal iconoclast

With its jaundiced view of modern life, 22 major characters, ten or so interwoven plot threads, and a running time of three hours plus, **Short Cuts** could only be a Robert Altman movie. The success of *The Player* has restored to the maverick director of *Nashville*, 70 years old next year, the power to think big and adventurous. Long may he continue.

The whirlwind starts with ominous planes spraying chemicals over the Los Angeles sprawl to kill off the dreaded medfly. Slivers of scenes introduce characters inspired by the works of Raymond Carver, laconic master of the American short story. We get doctors and wives, a television personality, a purveyor of telephone sex, a swimming-pool cleaner, a weary waitress, a bad-tempered cop, guys on a fishing trip.

The slivers grow larger; characters from one story intrude into others. This is a frenzied world of fractured relationships, broken homes. By the end Los Angeles itself cracks up, hit by an earthquake.

Among current American directors, only Altman could juggle so many elements without dropping them. Storylines criss-cross at a moment's notice; comedy turns to bleak despair. And only Altman could entice star actors to lose their ranking in an ensemble cast. Tucked away we find Andie MacDowell, Matthew Modine, Madeleine Stowe, Jack Lemmon, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Tim Robbins, Lily Tomlin, etching their characters in swift, brilliant strokes.

The film's emotional heart lies with MacDowell and Bruce Davison, the parents from Carver's story "A Small, Good Thing". As they desperately wait at the hospital for their child to emerge from a coma, a baker (Lyle Lovett) pesters them down the phone to pick up the boy's birthday cake. *Short Cuts* is full of the shock waves of lives colliding.

The film's large success, and the barrage of critics' superlatives, cannot obscure a few problems. The change of locale from Carver's Northwest to the LA sprawl causes no serious damage; nor does the slight upgrading of the characters' social status. But the concertina effect of Altman's script, written with Frank Barhydt, removes at a stroke Carver's concentrated narrative line, and his ruthless selection of word and detail. In *Short Cuts* you never experience that sense of holding one life in your palm. So many other people are out there, barging in, jostling elbows.

Short Cuts
Lumière, 18, 188 mins
Altman's dazzling kaleidoscope of jittery Los Angeles lives

Shadowlands
Odeon West End
U, 131 mins
Skilful version of the C.S. Lewis love affair

The Ballad of Little Jo
Metro, 15, 121 mins
Over-solemn feminist Western

Does this matter? In itself, no. Altman never set out to be the faithful transcriber of Carver's prose. Aside from the cross-cutting, two characters (Lori Singer's cellist and Annie Ross, her jazz singer mother) were cheerfully invented to colour scenes with their music. If Carver's widow Tess Gallagher embraced Altman's imaginative response, then so should we.

But while Altman's gusto and the superb acting carry us easily from vignette to vignette, the Carver purists do have one point. The film is overloaded. Some characters get squashed in the pile; certain plot threads appear so rarely that they have little cumulative impact. With just a little tightening, and a few stories less, this dazzling, despairing vision of lives on edge might well be the masterpiece that some people claim.

Has William Nicholson's evocation of the love affair between C.S. Lewis, buttoned-up Oxford don, and Joy Gresham, outgoing American poet, finally reached journey's end? First **Shadowlands** existed as a BBC play. Then it leapt on to the stage. Now Nicholson has written the script for Richard Attenborough's plush and skilful film, dressed to kill with Anthony Hopkins, Debra Winger, and the melancholy beauty of the English landscape. An American Anglophile's dream.

Underneath the Oxford vistas and High Table chitchat, so elegantly conveyed, the themes that propelled *Shadowlands* from television to stage remain unaltered. Love's transforming power, the agony of dealing with a partner's death: these are the issues that attract audiences who have scarcely heard of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, or Lewis's writings on Courtly Love.

Joy Gresham, sheltering from an abusive husband with her young son Douglas, first seeks out this confirmed Oxford bachelor as a fan. Next, she becomes a Christmas house guest. Then, to help secure her British citizenship, Lewis suggests a marriage of convenience. He shows no visible passion: the ceremony over, he departs in the rain, just in time for the 12.20 train back to Oxford.

A man who does that might not seem a character to get audiences sniffling. But Hopkins, once one of cinema's roaring boys, has become so adept at suggesting hidden emotions through an intonation, a gesture, an intake of breath, that pools of tears are still guaranteed. Especially once the vibrant Gresham is stricken with bone cancer: the last few reels offer little else but orchestrated displays of suffering, fortitude and grief.

Such stories as these stir more subjective responses than most. Stay in step with the characters' fates, and the experience will be moving, possibly cathartic. Slip a fraction out of alignment, spot the puppet-master pulling the strings, and the film leaves you feeling mugged. That was my reaction.

But nothing diminishes the strength and sincerity of both lead performances, or tarnishes the technical sheen. When Oxford's spires drop out of sight, production designer Stuart Craig whips up some marvel; the attic whose wardrobe disappoints young Douglas is especially atmospheric.

As for Attenborough himself, the film suggests he should take more breaks from sprawling epics worshipping the great men of history. He came to *Shadowlands* as a director for hire, took over an existing script, and buckled down to the job. He extracted the best from his fellow actors and shaped a cogent film with large middle-brow appeal. Just be warned: take the tissues.

Maggie Greenwald's *The Kill-Off* was such a tart, striking picture that anyone with a taste for the American independent scene watched for her next one with baited breath. **The Ballad of Little Jo**, a revisionist Western, keeps the feminist flag flying, but instead of quirks we have now sluggish solemnity.

This is a pity, for the true story Greenwald spins so slowly has many fascinating elements. The heroine is a well-heeled girl, disowned by her family, who rides into the gold rush. To protect herself from human predators she cuts her hair, gives her left cheek a scar, and passes as a man among the bearded rascals who spend their nights snoring and whoring.

Although Suzy Amis's performance is robust, and Declan Quinn's photography vividly conveys the hardships of frontier life, the drama falls short. Not enough happens to fill two hours, and the halo that hangs round every minority — from the pioneer heroine to foreign immigrants — grows too visible for comfort.

Cultists, take note: for two weeks, the ICA Cinema is dipping into the outlandish oeuvre of **Seijun Suzuki**, a Japanese master of disruptively stylised genre movies, recently rediscovered at European film festivals. *Tokyo Drifter*, shown to the press, is a fair sample from his busiest period, the mid-1960s.

Suzuki shows little interest in the gangster plot. What matters instead is the hero's powder-blue suit, the absurd violence, or the crazy framing of characters and decor. Suzuki's entertainments may be hollow inside: excessive artifice is plastered over dull material. But they are unlike any other films you will see this year.



Lily Tomlin and Tom Waits face the music and dance in Robert Altman's *Short Cuts*, the film that saw superstars bury their egos for a part — any part

Still moving ahead like a train

Contrary to rumour, the great Luciano Pavarotti's career is firmly on the rails – in more ways than one

Luciano Pavarotti is tired. Sitting at his desk in his family villa in Modena, he looks tanned and slimmer than for many years. But the post-lunch aroma of pasta porcini hangs heavy, and so do his eyelids.

"*I Lombardi* was a great success at the Met this season — are you going to record it?" I ask, deciding it is better to start with a relatively straightforward question. "Yes," he says. "I first did the role 25 years ago with Scotto and a young Raimondo ..." The voice trails off into a whisper, the great eyelids sliding slowly down the face with the finality of heavy garage doors closing. Pavarotti, the man who made "Nessun dorma" ("None shall sleep") his clarion call, is fast asleep.

I wait for a moment or two. Surely the question wasn't that bad? I start again, slightly more vigorously. "Why did you wait a quarter of a century to do it again?"

The garage doors open as if by remote control. Pavarotti focuses and beams. He blinks a little, and laughs at himself. "I'm very sorry, this jet-lag, I have never felt like this," he apologises, wiping his face.

"What were we saying? Ah yes, *I Lombardi*. It is not a title opera for the tenor and very few theatres wanted to hear me with two arias and one duet ..." He falls asleep again.

Pavarotti had flown from a Barbados holiday to New York, given a gala concert, caught the plane to Bologna, driven to his home in Modena and was leaving the next morning to visit a spa for a carrot-juice regime. Despite all this, he had characteristically agreed to see a couple of British journalists before his visit to sing Verdi's Requiem at Wembley, even though this was the first time for six months he had been home.

From time to time, he went to splash his face with cold water in a futile attempt to halt the fatigue. Eventually he gave up, and ramapped his way through the interview.



Pavarotti rehearses before singing in the rain at Hyde Park in 1991. On Saturday he'll keep dry in the Wembley Arena

Still, he was interesting. Though he is 58, there is little evidence of a downward spiral in his ability. It has been suggested that he has cut "Nessun dorma" from his programmes because of its taxing nature; perhaps it is fairer to say that he is husbanding his voice.

> "This month he will sing in London, Zurich, Seoul, Melbourne and Sydney"

His critics also say it is significant that he is doing more operas, such as *I Lombardi*, which are less demanding. They accuse him of milking the public: top-price tickets for Saturday's Requiem, for instance, are £95.

In fact, apart from the odd highly publicised split note in La Scala, his last three months at the Met did not suggest any diminishing ability. And, amid the naps in Modena, he revealed that he has signed a new contract with Decca, his company of nearly 30 years, to take him to 2001. It is, it seems, business as usual — worldwide. This month he will sing in London, Zurich, Seoul, Kuala Lumpur, Melbourne and Sydney.

That puts the rumours about his supposedly declining popularity into perspective. The assertion that some concerts — such as the Sheffield performance of the Requiem — have had to be cancelled through lack of sales is firmly denied. According to Pavarotti the concert was never linked into his schedule. He will, however, return to Britain for two more dates this year, to Manchester on June 12 and Birmingham on June 23, both with his familiar type of concert programme.

Of course, the central event of the Pavarotti year is "Encore — The Three Tenors", on July 16: the eve of the World Cup final. Ten million copies were sold of the first Three Tenors recording; this time, the hype will be enormous.

The programme is top secret, though each tenor will sing two arias and a song. And a trio? Pavarotti smiles and closes his eyes — but not to sleep this time. "Dadada, dadada, da-da-da," he sings, and the unmistakable bounce of Bernstein's "America" emerges. Pavarotti winks.

He acknowledges that it may be difficult to repeat the spirit of the first one. "Even before, we knew it was going to be something special," he says. "We were enjoying ourselves — we were three parts of a whole, without thinking of anything else."

For all their apparent rivalry, Pavarotti has appeared with Placido Domingo since. They opened the Metropolitan Opera season last year, singing an aria from *Il Trovatore* together. In this year's Met treat, they will sing an intriguing double-bill, Pavarotti doing *I Pagliacci*, followed by Domingo doing Puccini's *Il Tabarro*. That is something the Royal Opera House could never afford: it is more likely that Pavarotti will come back to Covent Garden with *Tosca*.

Meanwhile, he has Wembley — and another, rather more bizarre appearance — to make while in Britain. Today he visits the Channel Tunnel: one of the Shutties has been named the Luciano Pavarotti.

NICOLAS SOAMES

● *Luciano Pavarotti sings Verdi's Requiem at Wembley Arena (081-900 1234) on Saturday, 8pm*

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A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

SALVADOR DALI/UNBOUND: Dali is remembered almost exclusively as the fully-fledged Surrealist who emerged with his first Paris show in 1929, but before that he had tried on many styles, from meticulous realism to minimal abstraction. This show documents his early career, and his friendship with such as Lorca and Buñuel. Also, the much debated question of whether painting as such is dead comes back into play in "Unbound", which makes an enthusiastic case for the continuing relevance of the art worldwide.
Hayward Gallery, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 3144). Daily 10am-6pm (Tues and Wed to 8pm). Opens today until May 30.

PEER GYNT: Nine performances only of Ninagawa's internationally-cast production of Ibsen. Sure to be visually astonishing.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Mar 12, 7pm.

FALSTAFF: David Pountney's colourful production of Verdi's great last opera casts Benjamin Luxon in the title role. With Alan Opie, Andrew Litton conducts.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane WC2 (071-836 3161). Tonight, 7.30pm.

GAINSBOROUGH AND REYNOLDS: An exhibition of a very different nature opens tomorrow. George III disliked Reynolds but approved of Gainsborough; George IV enthusiastically collected both, so that major examples of their mythological painting also entered the royal collection *And both were much involved in the* Royal Academy, founded in 1768 under George III and always closely patronised by royalty. All these aspects are vividly present in this new show selected from the Queen's pictures.
The Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace, SW1 (071-799 2331). Tue-Sat 10.30am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm. Tomorrow until Dec 22.

ELSEWHERE

MANCHESTER: Anna Carteret and Jane Freeman in the world premiere of a new Pam Gems play, **Deborah's Daughter:** three generations of European women in an oil-rich African state.
Library, St Peters Square (061-236 7110). Preview tonight, 7.30pm. Opens tomorrow, 8pm. Then Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, Fri and Sat, 8pm; mats March 9 and 19, 3pm. Until Mar 26.

BRISTOL: Opening night for another Pam Gems play, **Queen Christina.** The historical dilemmas of the Swedish queen become a platform for a witty debate on nature versus nurture and the role of women today.
Theatre Royal, New Road (0273 328488). Tonight, 7.30. Then Mon-Wed, 7.30pm, Thurs-Sat, 8pm; mats Mar 12, 2.30pm and Mar 17, 2.30pm.

STIRLING: Scottish Opera has chosen Gluck's acclaimed *Orpheus and Eurydice* for its first medium-scale touring production this season. Anthony Fabian directs; Simon Clulow sings the role of Orpheus tonight and Jonathan Peter Kenny on Saturday; Lisa Milne sings Eurydice. Harry Bickel conducts.
MacRobert Arts Centre (0786 461081), tonight 7.30pm. And on Sat in **Fort William:** An Aird Leisure Centre (0397 700707), 7.30pm.

SHEFFIELD: An unusual evening of violin music, entitled **Fiddles on Fire.** Eight "fiddlers" take in the harmonies of Sweden, Cajun twosteps, the intense ragas of India and the reels of Ireland and Scotland. Part of the Sheffield Chamber Music Festival.
Crucible Studio, Norfolk Street, Sheffield (0742 769922). Tonight, 7.45pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: All Human Life: Hulton Deutsch Collection (071-638 4141) ... **British Museum:** Deities and Devotions: Hindu Art (071-636 1555) ... **Festival Hall:** The Thirties, Anxiety and Escapism (071-928 3002) ... **National Portrait Gallery:** Holbein and the Court of Henry VIII (071-306 0055) ... **National Gallery:** Claude, the Poetic Landscape (071-839 3321) ... **Royal Academy of Arts:** Art of the Ancient World, Sandra Blow (071-439 7438) ... **Tate:** Picasso (071-887 8008) ... **V&A:** Fabergé (071-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London
■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

◩ **ANGELS IN AMERICA:** Religion, sex, Aids, corrupt politics: a vision of America at the edge of disaster. Tony Kushner's award-winning *Millenium Approaches* and its sequel *Perestroika*.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7pm, mats today and Sat, 1pm.

□ **APRIL IN PARIS:** Gary Olsen and Maria Friedman in John Godber's *simplistic play about the benefits of travel.*
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (071-836 6111). Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs 3pm, Sat 5pm and Sun 4pm.

□ **CURSE OF THE WEREWOLF:** See a man change into a savage brute before your very eyes! New thriller by Ken Hill, who brought us *The Invisible Man*.
Theatre Royal, Gerry Raffles Square, Stratford, E15 (081-534 0310). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm. Until Mar 19.

□ **JANE EYRE:** Alexandra Mathie and Tim Pigott-Smith do their best in Fay Weldon's puzzling version of the well-known melodrama.
Playhouse, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs and Sat 3pm.

■ **EDDIE IZZARD:** The man is back for another solo season of comedy and sharp good sense.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm. Until Mar 19.

◩ **KIT AND THE WIDOW: JANUARY SALE:** Suave and stinging, the musical satirists pass comment on the social scene with their familiar skill.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm; Sat 6pm and 8.30pm.

■ **THE KITCHEN:** Stephen Daldry's in-the-round Wesker. The stalls are not in use: there is seating on the stage at Dress Circle level, and a kitchen on scaffolding in between, with 30 chefs rushing manically about. Terrific.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3.30pm.

◩ **ALEXANDRA KOLLONTAI:** Barbara Ewing's fascinating one-woman show about the forgotten comrade of the Bolshevik Revolution, Lenin's eloquent comrade.
New End, 27 New End, Hampstead, NW3 (071-794 0022). Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Tue-Sat, 8pm, Sun 3pm and 5.30pm. Until March 27.

◩ **THE LIFE OF GALILEO:** David Hare's new version of the Brecht. Richard Griffiths plays the worldly-wise scientist hamstrung by the Inquisition.
Almeida, Almeida St, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Until March 31.

□ **ME AND MAMIE O'ROURKE:** French and Saunders in wretchedly lightweight US play about lesbian fantasies.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Thurs 8pm, Fri, Sat 6pm and 8.45pm.

◩ **PADDYWACK:** Daniel Magee's new play, set in a Kilburn bedsit where an enigmatic Irishman seduces two students with the sex-appeal of semtex.
Cockpit, Gateforth St, NW8 (071-402 5081). Mon-Sat 8pm, until March 26.

□ **SEPTEMBER TIDE:** Daphne du Maurier's drama of inappropriate passion returns to the West End starring Susannah York as the decent woman in love with her son-in-law (Michael Praed).
Comedy, Panton St, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed 3pm and Sat 4pm.

◩ **SWEET CHARITY:** Phil Willmott's production, transferred after a sell-out run at the Man in the Moon. With Charlotte Bicknell and Mari Wilson.
BAC, Lavender Hill, SW11 (071-223 2223). Tue-Sat, 8pm; Sun 6pm.

◩ **THE THREE LIVES OF LUCIE CABROL:** Complicité's profoundly moving staging of John Berger's tale of an Alpine woman loving and enduring all.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, W6 (081-748 3354). Mon-Sat, 8 pm; mats some Sat, 3.30 pm.

LONG RUNNERS

◩ **An Absolute Turkey:** Globe (071-494 5065) ... □ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ... □ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... □ **Carousel:** Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) ... ◩ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) ... □ **Crazy for You:** Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ... □ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ◩ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ■ **Grease:** Dominion (071-580 8845) □ **An Inspector Calls:** Aldwych (071-836 6404) ... ◩ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◩ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) □ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) □ **Oleanna:** Duke of York's (071-836 5122) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) □ **Piaf:** Piccadilly (071-867 1118) ... □ **Relative Values:** Savoy (071-836 8888) ... ◩ **She Stoops to Conquer:** Queens (071-494 5041) ... ◩ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ◩ **Sunset Boulevard:** Adelphi (071-344 0055) □ **Travels With My Aunt:** Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... □ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **COOL RUNNINGS** (PG): Cheerful comedy about the Jamaican bobsled team at the 1988 Winter Olympics. John Turteltaub directs John Candy, Leon and Doug E. Doug.
Electric (071-792 2020/0328) **MGMs: Oxford Street** (071-630 0310) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

KAFKA (15): Steven Soderbergh's flawed but atmospheric fantasia on themes of Franz Kafka, shot in Prague; with Jeremy Irons and Theresa Russell.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279)

◆ **THE PELICAN BRIEF** (12): Law student Julia Roberts is trailed by hired killers and the FBI. Sleek, fatuous version of John Grisham's novel, co-starring Denzel Washington. Director, Alan J. Pakula.
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-630 0310) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

PHILADELPHIA (12): An Aids victim's fight for justice. Compromises galore but dynamically told. With Tom Hanks and Denzel Washington. Jonathan Demme directs.
Odeon Leicester Sq (0426 915 683)

CURRENT

THE AGE OF INNOCENCE (U): Scorsese's spellbinding, heartfelt version of Edith Wharton's novel about stifled love in old New York. Daniel Day-Lewis, Michelle Pfeiffer, Winona Ryder.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Camden Plaza** (071-485 2443) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **A BRONX TALE** (18): De Niro's directing debut is a potent yarn of father, son and neighbourhood wiseguys, from Chazz Palminteri's one-man show.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3303)

CARLITO'S WAY (18): Can Al Pacino's gangster go straight? Lively ethnic-flavoured drama from Brian De Palma, with Sean Penn.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031)

◆ **FREE WILLY** (U): Tearaway kid finds his soulmate: a surly amusement park whale. Family film that aims low and hits. Simon Wincer directs.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3303) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

THE HOUR OF THE PIG (15): Medieval romp with serious twinges, *ideal for BBC2. With Colin Firth, Nicol* Williamson, director, Leslie Megahey.
MGMs: Oxford Street (071-636 0310) **Panton Street** (071-930 0631)

◆ **IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER** (15): Father and son share a prison cell. Powerful, urgent film inspired by the Guildford Four stars Daniel Day-Lewis, Pete Postlethwaite and Emma Thompson. Jim Sheridan directs.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800-888 997) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3303) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **MANHATTAN MURDER MYSTERY** (PG): Woody Allen and Diane Keaton turn amateur sleuths; Alan Alda and Anjelica Huston co-star.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Minema** (071-235 4225) **Odeons: Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098)

◆ **THE PIANO** (15): Jane Campion's magnificent tale of repression and desire in mid-19th century New Zealand. With Holly Hunter, Sam Neill, Harvey Keitel.
MGMs Panton Street (071-930 0631) **Swiss Centre** (071-439 4470) **Plaza** (0800 888997)

SCHINDLER'S LIST (15): German businessman (Liam Neeson) saves his Jewish workers from the camps. Impressive, grown-up epic from Steven Spielberg co-stars Ralph Fiennes and Ben Kingsley.
Empire (0800-888 911) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Screen/Hill** (071-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

SURVIVING DESIRE: Three elegant, crisp and airless short films from American independent Hal Hartley.
Metro (071-437 0757)

◆ **WAYNE'S WORLD 2** (PG): The dude duo mount a rock concert. Silly but sweet comedy sequel, with Mike Myers and Dana Carvey. Director, Stephen Surjik.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

THEATRE: **Kate Bassett** reviews the latest attempt to stage a classic John Steinbeck novel

Depressed from the dust up

Of Mice and Men
Nottingham Playhouse

Blue sky, *white clouds, golden corn: this could be Californian heaven.* But it is only on the horizon. A steep incline of barren sand stretches before it. In the front stalls, you are looking up from the bottom of the American dust bowl.

Like Steinbeck's other 1930s novel *The Grapes of Wrath* (currently being staged at the Crucible, Sheffield, also on a raked stage), *Of Mice and Men* looks at the Great Depression from low down. George (who is tiny) and Lennie (huge but short on brains) are two migrant farmhands treated like dirt and bucking barley for a pittance on a wealthy man's ranch. Life is an uphill struggle, indeed a labour of Sisyphus. If Steinbeck is pessimistic about the American dream, his characters have hope. George and Lennie are saving up to buy an idyllic place of their own where they are gonna live off the fatta the lan'.

Steinbeck himself, in spite of a tragic conclusion, can be pretty soppy. Lennie has a fetish for bunnies, intended to be cute. If Joe McGann mentioned feeding his fluffy-tailed friends one more time I could well have lost my flopsy and told him to go choke on a fur ball. To give him credit, McGann can be endearing and amusing. His portrayal *has intimations of brute strength,* the fatal flipside of this big softie, though these need more body.

But playing a mentally disadvantaged character is extra-demanding, entailing scrutiny for political correctness and theatrical authenticity. McGann is not quite convincing. Lennie is too like the Honey Monster caught out of costume. Animal behaviour is symbolically important but his orang-utan imitation is none too subtle.

The rigor-mortised puppy Lennie lobs about (one non-human victim of his petting) gives a sagely undemonstrative performance in a doggone thankless role. Meanwhile, Christopher Ryan as George, like Norman Wisdom-turned-terrier, is a small *tour de force* amongst some iffy acting.

Curley (Tom Radcliffe), the boss's stunted son who is hellbent on beating everybody within an inch of his height, manages to be runty with a sinister rodenty streak, but is too much of a cartoon. His wife (Emily Raymond) rightly complicates a scarlet woman with Valley Girl innocence.

Isabella Bywater's clapboard bunkhouse is beautiful even if it wasn't hammered together by cowboys. The tilt of the stage involvingly throws the action towards us, yet cannot compensate for estranging echoing acoustics. And Dominic Cooke, directing George Kaufman's adaptation, too frequently puts big distances between his actors.

True, *Of Mice and Men* is about being ultimately alone. Dialogues specifically disintegrate into two people talking to themselves. On the other hand, Steinbeck's story is also about men forming friendships and moments of intimacy. Cooke is a commendable young director but needs to zoom in for closer readings. Eye contact and flashes of involvement could be worked in more carefully. Though Steinbeck wrote the novel with the stage in mind, Lennie is theatrically tricky, switched off to so many people so much of the time.


Joe McGann, an endearing Lennie in Nottingham's *Of Mice and Men*

CONCERTS: Iberian heat in a new British chamber work; and an over-excitable conductor

A taste of Spaniards in the works


John Casken: new work unveiled

Nash Ensemble
Purcell Room

A PERVASIVE Spanish connection gave an attractive character to the second of four South Bank programmes in which the ever-enterprising Nash Ensemble is adding significantly to its repertory — and to ours. It extended even to the new works, like the title of *Infanta Marina* bestowed on his Nash commission by the composer John Casken, now professor of music at Manchester University, *although its literary allusions* are to Shakespeare's *Pericles* and an English poem by Wallace Stevens.

The image of a wandering female figure on the shoreline of the sea has prompted him to produce a vivid and invigorating 20-minute study in spatial relationships with a cor anglais, played with fluency and distinction by Gareth Hulse, placed centrally between a trio of flute, viola and harp on one side of him, and another of clarinet, horn and double bass on the other. A continuous exchange of ideas between their several identities could give rise to some pictorial associations, but more rewarding is the way the instrumental groups define the parameters of the *music's contour, while at the same time* filling its substance with contrasts of rhythm and colour.

The capacity of the cor anglais to hold its central focus through tone quality and phrasing was also beautifully sustained under Lionel Friend's conducting. Friend brought a keen sense of musical purpose to bear on six songs from *L'infantament Meravellos de Schahrazada* by the Catalan-born Roberto Gerhard, an early song-cycle written before he settled in England, given a new instrumental arrangement by Meirion Bowen. This instrumentation is often too rich for the nature of the verses and the vocal line, sung here with impassioned feeling by the soprano Rosa Mannion.

A Spanish frame of reference for these works was supplied by Falla, whose Harpsichord Concerto featured a sensitive if sometimes subdued solo performance by Maggie Cole, and whose *El amor brujo* was heard to exciting effect in its original gypsy-style entertainment.

The colours were bold and rhythms crisp under Friend's conducting, and the songs enjoyed a sultry seductiveness and dramatic instinct projected by the richness of Jean Rigby's smouldering mezzo.

NOEL GOODWIN

Epic diminished by quirky interpretation

LPO/Welser-Möst
Festival Hall

I HAVE not heard Franz Welser-Möst conduct Bruckner since giving his performance of the Seventh Symphony at the Proms a couple of years ago a hearty thumbs-down. Since then he has continued to suffer largely poor reviews in London but to enjoy more favourable notices — copiously quoted in the London Philharmonic Orchestra's publicity material — elsewhere.

That has led to accusations of a conspiracy against him in this country. There is none, surely. British critics were as ready as any in Los Angeles to praise him when, last summer, he conducted with efficiency a challenging programme of contemporary music on the South Bank.

But this concert, which launched the LPO on its European tour and which included the same symphony, showed that his Bruckner is still an oddity. "Breathtaking, crazy, unorthodox" were the words used by the Viennese magazine *Die Presse*, and they are appropriate, though the Austrians apparently liked it like that.

Welser-Möst does what no conductor should ever do with this music. He compromises its universality by imposing too much of himself. This is music in which the conductor should take the role of nurturer, facilitating a slow, natural growth. Yet with Welser-Möst one feels that he is tugging frantically at the branches. Grandeur is turned into neurosis. You could see as much, when Welser-Möst lost all self-control at the climaxes of each and every movement, shaking his body, hands and head with almost comic fury.

While that might please those who come to concerts mainly to watch, it does the sound and the shape of the music no good, and here only encouraged the LPO's brass, particularly the trombones, to sacrifice quality for a massive volume: impressive in itself, perhaps, but not Brucknerian.

The strings sounded good without being especially sweet, but occasional infelicities in their attack betrayed a less than totally explicit beat from time to time, even when the music was quieter. That also applied to an otherwise fine performance of Bartók's Music for Strings, Percussion and Celeste in the first half, where the division of the section also made the few tonal shortcomings obvious.

Welser-Möst's apparent desire to make Bruckner lyrical works against the music's nature and its essentially motif rather than phrase-related structures. Even in the Adagio, that great lament for Wagner, the accent was placed upon a personal grief rather than the universal grief Bruckner surely meant. At other times, particularly in the opening movement (which was nevertheless graced with lovely cello sounds), it seemed that Welser-Möst wanted to turn Brucknerian magnificence into Verdian drama.

The Scherzo was driven with adequate relentlessness, though again a few edges were not quite sharp enough, but the Finale, as a result of Welser-Möst's interventionist policy, came over as lightweight; nothing was left in reserve for it to triumph.

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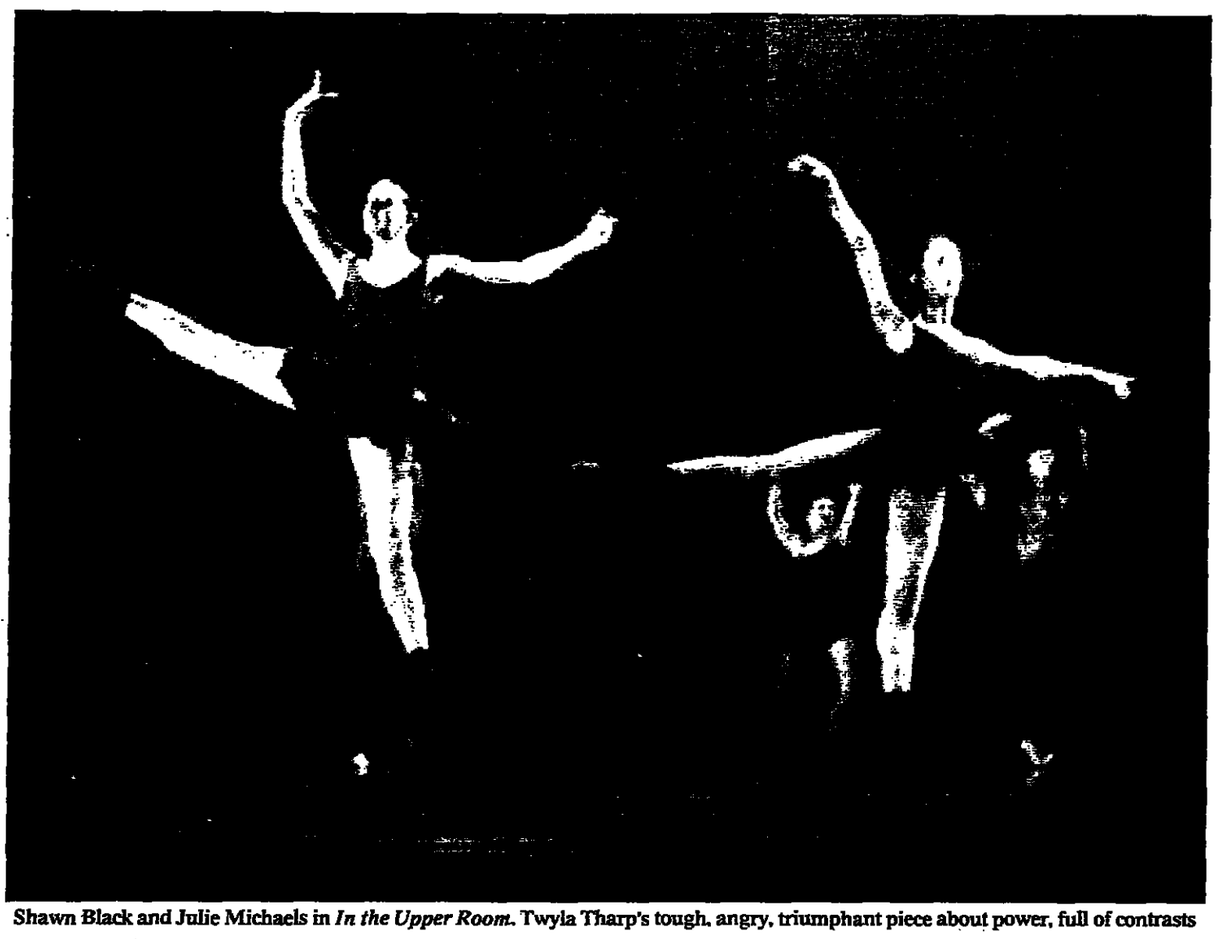
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Down by the Riverside again

Twyla Tharp
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Shawn Black and Julie Michaels in *In the Upper Room*. Twyla Tharp's tough, angry, triumphant piece about power, full of contrasts

Twyla Tharp's season at Riverside is doubly welcome, not only for the return of an exceptionally entertaining choreographer, but as a portent of the revitalisation we can expect from William Burdett-Coutts's new regime at what was, and can be again, a powerhouse of the arts. There was a buzz in the reseated Studio 2 before Tuesday's opening night, and cheering at the end.

More than ten years since her last London season, there is a whole new audience to be introduced to Tharp's work, although you must not believe all you read in the papers about our deprivation meanwhile. For much of that time, she stayed away because she had no company available to bring. During the gap we were able to enjoy her collaboration with Baryshnikov (the best thing that ever happened to him) on television and stage, and when she merged her company into American Ballet Theatre, her *In the Upper Room* was the highlight of its last London season.

That ballet and another shown here previously, *Baker's Dozen*, are on the first of her two alternating programmes at Riverside, together with one new work (created in 1992), *Sextet*. Three more London premieres, plus the highly popular *Nine Sinatra Songs*, follow in Programme 2.

Sextet is mostly a set of duets to a rowdy, luckily unmemorable score with Latin-American overtones by Peter Melnick. I hate to say so, but if this were by anyone except Tharp it would be dismissed as a load of flim-flam. I can enjoy flashy ballet steps as much as the next man, but this adds up at best to a rather minor curtain-raiser.

I should mention, however, that there is in fact no curtain here, so to avoid an unappetising empty space while the audience assembles, the dancers fill the stage area before each work, pretending to warm up. Keeps them busy — as if that were necessary with their other assignments.

In the Upper Room (created in 1986, two years before Tharp and her company joined ABT) is all about power. Everything is based on contrasts between balletic movements, sharp and aggressive in toe shoes, and a more casual but equally punchy style in sneakers.

A tough, angry, triumphant piece lasting just over 40 minutes, propelled by a characteristic Philip Glass score, it is full of contrasts as one dancer or small group is set against another. Norma Kamali's costumes (primarily black and white stripes to start, with just touches of red which gradually become more dominant) accentuate the crescendo of impetus during the piece. A pity that Jennifer Tipton's original lighting design, which adds to the drama, simply cannot be reproduced fully on this stage.

Willie "The Lion" Smith's piano jazz recordings, for me the most attractive of the evening's scores, accompany *Baker's Dozen*, dressed all in white by Santo Loquasto. In this you see Tharp's style at its best: amazingly rich invention, complex in texture but laid out with superb clarity in its sudden changes of speed or direction, its unexpected combinations of steps, its ability to make the most difficult sequences look cool and relaxed. Made in 1979, it found Tharp climbing up from a bad time in her private life with the help of a unique team of dancers.

And here I am brought up against the one drawback of the present season. If you have never seen these works before, this is a chance not to be missed. Those of us who saw *Baker's Dozen* years back, or *Upper Room* with a fine ABT cast, should be glad to renew acquaintance with them, but would be wrong to pretend they are as well danced now as then.

The individual dancers are able enough, from good and varied professional backgrounds. But they have not grown up together under Tharp as the old team did. Always a strong company woman, Tharp kept her dancers for years, bullying or cajoling them into her own perfectionism. You don't get that now. Difficult bits, once smoothly taken, are now signalled with a "look at this" effort; whimsy or sentiment, always abhorrent to Tharp, creep in. This programme is good stuff, but the Tharp of ten years ago would have flogged the dancers — and herself — almost to death in rehearsal to get it even better.

OPERA

Mozart in a new light

Così fan tutte
Monte Carlo

Although it was designed for Dublin rather than Monte Carlo, Dieter Kaegi's production of *Così fan tutte* has found a natural home on the Côte d'Azur. When the curtain rises on the second scene it is as though someone has opened a shutter at the back of the Salle Garnier and let the Mediterranean light stream in.

But there is another side to the production: the cynical side, represented by a small and unlikely coffee house where the patrons comprehensively swap partners during the course of a short overture, where (authentically) Don Alfonso makes his bet with Ferrando and Guglielmo, and where (unauthentically) Fiordiligi and Dorabella meet to make their agreement on who in future will sing with the baritone and who with the tenor.

While it might seem to be a good and realistic idea, it becomes more and more obtrusive. If Don Alfonso keeps walking on to the stage by way of the auditorium and then the coffee house to direct the action, and even to conduct the music from time to time, the delicately poised illusory basis of Mozart's inspiration crumbles away.



Manuela Custer in Così

This is particularly unfortunate in that the conductor in the pit, Salvatore Accardo, seems to see things quite differently. His is a thoroughly musical performance, clear in both texture and instrumental articulation, and at the same time thoroughly undramatic, taking little account of either the singers' problems or their opportunities.

Fortunately from the stage director's point of view, his Don Alfonso, Carlos Feller, is a vastly experienced performer. Indeed, after singing the part for 30 years or more, it must seem quite natural for him to take charge of the proceedings. Alida Barbasini's likeably Neapolitan Despina, who finally throws Alfonso's money back at him, is the only one to resist him. The rest of the cast — with Soile Isokoski a variable but promising Fiordiligi, Manuela Custer singing most attractively as Dorabella, Bruno Lazzaretti unsteady as Ferrando, and Mauro Utzeri handsomely reliable as Guglielmo — is a fair example of Monte Carlo's faith in the choice of younger voices.

GERALD LARNER

TELEVISION: Echoes of wars past and present as a Bosnian-Serb drama takes shape; and **Lynne Truss** reviews *Genghis Cohn*

Front-line drama

There are several advantages to filming a television drama just behind the front lines. "Here all doors are open," says screenplay writer Milan Secerovic. "If you need a tank you get it in five minutes."

Undeterred by the threat of Nato airstrikes, Bosnian-Serb television has begun filming *Naked Life*, its first drama series. The 13 episodes are a chronicle of the war through the eyes of a typical family living in Pale, the Bosnian-Serb headquarters town, 12 miles from Sarajevo. Slavisa, the central character, is a sophisticated economist from the capital. As war breaks out he escapes to join his conservative peasant parents in Pale. But Slavisa is tormented by his war hero brother, and does not want to fight.

"Many of us wanted to stay, but did not want to go to the frontline . . . on any side," says director Slavko Milanovic. A native Sarajevan, he lives with his parents in Pale — and any resemblance to *Naked Life* is not coincidental. The aim is to reflect reality behind the lines, with its cowards and heroes.

When a Russian United Nations convoy rumbled through town last week the team improvised a scene as the actors leapt on top of a moving armoured personnel carrier to play their parts. The Nato jets on the prowl over Pale are faithfully recorded too.

Although there is a clear patriotic backdrop to *Naked Life*, Milanovic insists that the series is not a tub-thumping nationalist morale-raiser. "The audience is not stupid. To say we are Serbs and that we are in a war is self-evident."

Until now Bosnian-Serb television has produced only news programmes. Secerovic says *Naked Life* includes a strong vein of humour, because there is a need to show that there is more to life in Bosnia than death and war.

In one episode peasants try their luck at a get-rich-quick scheme. They have heard that if they light night-time bonfires the pilots flying airdrops to besieged Muslim enclaves will think they are over Muslim territory. But instead of aid parcels, down come Turkish Mujahidin fighters. Undeterred, the villagers try to sell them to the government — but instead of cash they receive congratulatory certificates.

TIM JUDAH

Noises off but no laughs

Bavaria, 1958. An ex-Nazi police chief (Robert Lindsay) stands expectant in a public library. He wears a pair of specs with thick black psychopath upper frames, a Führer-style haircut, and a small hairy brown moustache, like doormat bristles waggling free. Beside him is a wraith-like Antony Sher, nose as sharp as a pen, in blue Dachau stripes, faded yellow star, and shaven head. Urged by the ghostly Sher, Lindsay asks the librarian for *The Diary of Anne Frank*. "Who's the author?" she barks. Sher supplies a prompt: "Anne Frank, you schmuck!" Lindsay turns to the librarian. "Anne Frank, you schmuck!" he repeats, to his own alarm and everyone else's.



Antony Sher and Robert Lindsay star in *Genghis Cohn*

It's a frightfully good comical device when Noël Coward does it in *Blithe Spirit* (you know the sort of thing: "Shut up." "How dare you tell me to shut up." "Not you; I mean *Elvira!*"), but alas, the cross-purpose invisible-third-person conversation is not guaranteed to leave the audience wiping its eyes, except sometimes unintentionally (the Napoleon bits in *Scarlet and Black*). It certainly isn't funny in tonight's *Murder Most Horrid* (BBC2), when Dawn French as an inept assassin stupidly repeats everything said into her earpiece by an unseen controller: and it most emphatically wasn't funny in last night's *Screen Two* black comedy, **Genghis Cohn** (BBC2).

"Black comedy" covers so much, doesn't it? This perplexing, tedious play, based on a Romain Gary novel, concerned the haunting of Otto Schatz by a Jewish comedian he had executed at Dachau. Given the delicacy with which such a subject deserves to be treated, the "black comedy" needed to be huge, slavering and gross (one thinks of Ken Russell) to make any artistic or moral sense at all. But instead, as directed by the more tasteful and humane Elijah Moshinsky, it was almost naturalistic, leaving the viewer with the extraordinary but certain impression that the Nazi exterminator was a sympathetic dolt more sinned against than sinning.

The story was as follows. Police chief Schatz finds himself haunted by this dead Jewish comedian, who signally fails to tell him any funny jokes. Cohn first pops up when Schatz, dressed illicitly in a dead man's SS uniform, attempts sexual congress with a voluptuous baroness (Diana Rigg, with bosom and eyeliner). Naturally, Schatz is put off his stride. He gets significantly more neurotic when Cohn starts popping up at the office, and when a mysterious series of killings — local male dignitaries knifed in the back at the precise moment of, ahem, ejaculating into other men's wives — leaves him clueless and blundering. Finding himself personally blamed for the escalating murders ("They need a scapegoat," shrugs Cohn, "that's how it works, believe me I know"), he finally makes a deal with his tormentor, and agrees to live thereafter as a Jew, in return for supernatural help.

The idea of the Holocaust victim being the obverse of the oppressor — of one fusing with the other — has been explored more interestingly before, particularly in Peter Flannery's *Singer*, in which Sher famously starred. In *Genghis Cohn*, crucially, there was no sense of two great moral opposites being dragged together, nor even a sense of a great wrong, just a poker-faced bloke embracing Yiddish and chopped liver under the guidance of a ghost who cheered him up.

You remember that 1970s detective series *Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased)*, in which Kenneth Cope played a ghost sidekick in a white suit? ("Shut up." "How dare you tell *me* to shut up?" "Not you, *him*.") Sad to say, *Genghis Cohn* was a bit like that, only not so funny.

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A.L. Rowse asks: did the late Fernand Braudel succeed in writing a truly universal history, or did he lapse into speculative sociology?

History, not prophecy

A HISTORY OF CIVILISATION
By Fernand Braudel
Translated by Richard Mayne
Allen Lane, £25

Braudel was the most eminent of the recent generation of French historians. He made his name and fame by his classic work on *The Mediterranean World in the Age of Philip II*. It was written in a prison camp in Germany: his master, Henri Pirenne, and Johan Huizinga wrote noteworthy books in similar circumstances. So perhaps Braudel may be forgiven for omitting the English part in that story, when Elizabethan ships were already active in it and the Levant Company was founded.

Braudel was born in Lorraine, like those French nationalist spirits, Joan of Arc, Maurice Barrès and De Gaulle (Bismarck should have left Lorraine to France, when he took Alsace in 1871). But Braudel's outlook was first Mediterranean, then European, and finally — in this book — something ecumenical, a world outlook. He derived help towards this from successive experience of France, Algeria, South America, Germany.

It is good to have this work so well translated and presented by Richard Mayne. The maps here are excellent, and really illustrate the facts and the argument. In French the book has the better title of *A Grammar of Civilisation*, for Braudel conceived his book as laying the foundations for future study. It may be said that he makes a more convincing case for it than Arnold Toynbee, who straitjacketed himself with his sociological theory of "challenge and response". Though not so learned, Braudel is pragmatic, observant and free from theorising.

In his earlier work Braudel fled the school of *Annales* historians, who underrated historical events and characters, regarding them as but crests upon the waves of deeper social forces beneath the surface. What a rumpus that led to, and Braudel was excluded from the Sorbonne and the French establishment.

Later, notably in this book, he moderated his view to include both perspectives, the shorter as well as the longer. With his moderate view we may well sympathise; but, goodness, how difficult it is to write *total* history! One cannot include everything.

Here Braudel favours a historical approach to understanding the contemporary world "which may involve any of the kindred social sciences — geography, demography, economics, sociology, anthropology, psychology, etc." This may be desirable, but isn't it a counsel of perfection? Certainly for the top classes in schools, for whom he advocates it. And I have a — possibly impolite — reservation to make, sympathetic as I am to this view: it makes for duller reading than the old history. After all, history meant essentially story, narration.

By the same token it makes it a difficult job to criticise such a work. It is a good thing, especially today, to have such an introduction to the history of Islam, certainly overlooked in the West — we should have more of it. And there might well be more here about the Jews — along with Greeks and Romans, a fountain source in European civilisation especially considering their importance for Christianity. A bit more ecumenism here, please.

The *Annales* school believed, with Braudel, that history could usefully portend the way things were to go, at least in the short run. Perhaps. But could anyone have foretold the suddenness of the communist crack-up? In any case, that collapse may be less complete than people with short-term views suspect. And there remains China.

The historian must not be trapped into speculative sociology, let alone prophecy.

The book concludes with a Russian survey, as if this might portend the future. The section entitled "An English-speaking Universe" is surprisingly confined to the (earlier) British Commonwealth. Surely, its most significant form, the world-wide version today, is Americanisation. Everywhere the universal aim seems to be in politics, democracy; in economics, free enterprise; socially, mass-civilisation with its materialist culture. Braudel speaks of religion as an essential element in the character of a civilisation, and has the phrase, "vague deism". Does that speak for today?

Dr Rowse's most recent book, All Souls In My Time, was published last autumn by Duckworth.

Who do the French think they are?

THE PAST IN FRENCH HISTORY
By Robert Gildea
Yale University Press, £30

COMMEMORATIONS
The Politics of National Identity
Edited by John R. Gillis
Princeton University Press, £25

Rosanna de Lisle

For France, 1989 was to have been a year of joyful national celebration, to commemorate the Bicentenary of the French Revolution. The state laid on a calendar of celebrations — deliberately designed to promote a broad consensus of opinion — emphasising the achievements of 1789.

But consensual celebration gave way to a fierce intellectual battle that raged in the press and on television. The official view claimed that the Revolution and its Declaration of the Rights of Man were now embraced as "a patrimony and national institution". It was right to draw a line between the early Revolution, inspired by the Enlightenment, and the later phase when it skidded out of control and into the Terror. There was no need to mention the guillotine.

This line was attacked by left and right, shattering its claim that the Revolution was over and no longer drove an ideological wedge into the heart of France. The Revolution could never be over, countered the left. The Republic was born of it; the principles of liberty, equality and fraternity were relevant so long as there was injustice in the world. For the right, the Revolution was a national disaster that had destroyed the monarchy, the church and society. Perhaps it was some consolation to President Mitterrand to know that the anniversary celebrations of 1889 and 1939 were just as fraught. Why France's national memory lies in shards is the subject of Robert Gildea's *The Past in French History*.

The Revolution's legacy was a plurality of political cultures and collective memories. Between 1789 and 1815, the polity of France went through so many incarnations — from absolute monarchy to Jacobin Republic to Napoleonic Empire — that the country was bequeathed antecedents for almost any conceivable regime. Since 1789, France has had three monarchies, two empires and five republics — punctuated by revolutions in 1830, 1848, 1871 and 1944. If it is not quite true to say that everything that happens in France has happened before, Marx was not far wrong in 1852 when he wrote: "The tradition of all the dead generations weighs like a nightmare on the mind of the living."

Gildea argues that each political culture constructed a version of the past to define and validate itself, and then claimed it the only truth, using it as a stick with which to beat rivals. From 1870, republicans argued that only they, as the true heirs of the revolutionary principles of 1789, were fit to serve in republican governments. Excluded from office, the right played up the violence of the Revolution, especially against the counter-revolutionary Vendée rising of 1793, and claimed a republic could mean just one thing: Robespierre. As one community tried to impose a collective amnesia about some painful event, its opponents dug up its memory. No one collective memory was definitive, but all aspired to universal acceptance.

Often the same event or person was subjected to wildly different interpretations. Take Joan of Arc. Although she is France's heroine and patron saint, she is not "national" in the sense that one idea of her prevails. For the left she was a popular republican, but lately her memory has been hijacked by Jean-Marie Le Pen. Were she around today, he claims, she would be ridding France of immigrants, just as she booted the English out of Orléans in 1429.

Conflicts of opinion about Napoleon — military genius, despot, or popular hero? — were vividly illustrated in the Place Vendôme during the 19th century. The famous column, made from bronze cannon seized at Austerlitz, was adorned with statues of the emperor cast alternately as Caesar and the jaunty little man in greatcoat and cocked-hat. Napoleon too lends his weight to contemporary causes. In 1992, the socialist government trumpeted the slogan: "*Napoleon I aurait voté pour Maastricht.*"

This is a huge, ambitious and magnificent work. A history not so much of events but how they are perceived, it is a brilliant account of how the French think about their past. Arranged thematically, its scope is awesome: Gildea takes in a vast sweep of time and personalities, from Louis XVI to the student leaders of 1968, without resorting to sweeping statements. In the acknowledgements he says this book is the hardest he has written, and you believe him. The outstanding virtue of a book like this is that it shows that history is a continuous dialogue between past and present, that there can be no objective history, and that if there were it would be indescribably boring.

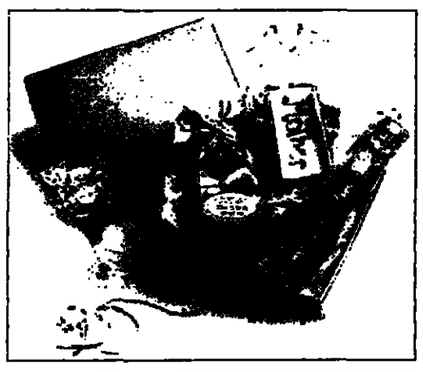
Commemorations, a collection of essays by American historians, covers some of Gildea's ground, but less impressively. The writers ask how national identities and memories are forged, but the discourse is not particularly illuminating. The real interest lies in the narrative pieces, with their strange tales of memory perverted. How, for example, Wren's Monument, a tribute to the resurgence of the City of London after the Great Fire of 1666, quickly became the focus for anti-Catholic commemoration, a Whig inscription alleging that the fire had been "begun and carried on by the treachery and malice of the popish faction". Or how, in the First World War, the mothers of America's dead sons were persuaded by the federal government not to wear mourning, lest they depress the nation's morale, but instead to don gold stars.

And before we assume that every person and nation must have an identity, there is thought-provoking evidence that the notion is not universal. In Bali, children do not have names beyond the numbers one to four, the order of birth. Such is the child mortality rate that it is quite possible for the living members of a Balinese family to share one name. *Commemorations* is uneven but, for insights like these, well worth dipping into.



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Licking the Plato

THE FABER BOOK OF FOOD
Edited by Colin Spencer and Claire Clifton
Faber, £17.50

Lesley Chamberlain

Food is an elusive subject which resists dissection. It is never just food on a plate, or in a bag, but involves a whole gamut of surrounding circumstances and personalities. This is why the cold-blooded Plato quite fails to impress with his reduction of cooking to pandering. (He surely would have banished the culinary art too, if it hadn't been immediately necessary to human survival.) Colin Spencer and Claire Clifton have excised from the well-known *Gorgias* passage the parallel between cooking and rhetoric which has inspired much recent food writing. This has the effect of making Plato seem even less attractive a table companion.

They, the compilers of this intelligent, pleasing, varied anthology, however, could dine out for the rest of their lives on tales of rat preparation in Shanghai and the taste of human flesh roasted on the Ivory Coast. Their selection favours the well-written and colourful, so that one has the sense of dropping in on thousands of curious meals, from prison to *royal table*, Arctic tent to nursery. They have avoided intellectual dryness: Lévi-Strauss on "raw" and "cooked" is included, but none of the next generation of semiotically-inclined Frenchmen.

The writers one admires most in the food context are sometimes surprising. Tacitus got British attitudes to smart foreign food just right when he observed them praising "novelties as 'civilisation' when they were in fact only a feature of their enslavement". E.M. Forster is memorable on kippers: so yellow and oily and waterlogged they might have been out in a lifeboat. Alice Thomas Ellis, Edna O'Brien, Gwen Raverat and Betty MacDonald pinpoint the tricky, bitter-sweet atmosphere of so many eating occasions.

Deprivation, meanwhile, is a character-forming experience all Britons excel in describing. Edward Bunyard's division of cheeses into classical and romantic types I shall retell the next time silence befalls the fromage. Katherine Mansfield is nice on bread and bloater paste: "Simple pleasures are the refuge of the complex, nicht?" Charlotte Du Cann immortalises the avocado fetish of the 1980s.

One curiosity of this anthology remains the absence of extreme contemporary gastro-experiences, except some exposés of animal slaughter (Spencer is a vegetarian). There is no bulimia, anorexia, or hypermarket horror, nor is any food taken to bed. Taste in a wider sense has governed the selection. Conrad said conscientious cooking promoted "the serenity of mind, the graciousness of thought, and that indulgent view of our neighbours' failings which is the only genuine form of optimism." This anthology does much the same.



Bovril poster, 1896, from *The World's 100 Best Posters* by Rob Morris and Richard Watson (Open Eye Publishing)

In **The Magic Harvest: Food, Folklore and Society** (Polity, £39.50), Piero Camporesi, professor of literature at Bologna, mourns the loss of good food instincts in the mass of men and women, passed on from a life on the land. But he also seems unready to appreciate the best contemporary food, which borrows liberally from the peasant past while boldly challenging the urban palate. First published in Italy in 1989, this book already seems old-fashioned.

Intimations of the Almighty

GLIMPSES OF GOD
Edited by Dan Cohn-Sherbok
Duckworth, £8.95 pbk original

Melanie McDonagh

THE TITLE is all very well, but you could extend it a bit. How about *Glimpses of God: the banality of religious experience*? It's a worthy effort, this book, but I'm not entirely sure to what end. A pot-pourri of clergy, theologians and writers with nothing discernible in common (described despairingly by poor Rabbi Cohn-Sherbok) were asked to write about their experiences of the divine.

Some, like Dame Barbara Cartland, come up with semi-spiritualist experiences like the strong scent of carnations that hovered around her dressing room after her husband's death. Others seize the opportunity joyfully to jump onto their favoured hobby horses and ride them for all they're worth: Tam Dalyell waxes quite lyrical about the pharmaceutical benefits that can be derived from preserving rainforests, including natural contraceptives. A few, including Eric Segal, save themselves the effort by simply providing extracts from their previously published books.

If it were an attempt to prove the existence of God, the book would be a failure. But the book can't be an attempt at evangelisation because it includes, in very English fashion, agnostics and professional doubters as well. Sir Larry Lamb, prefacing his out-of-body experiences, remarks that he isn't sure he believes in anything.

One is reminded of the astonishing latitude of the Church of England in extending hospitality and clerical status to the likes of Don Cupitt, who repudiates the illusions of supernaturalism. Then there is the director of the Sheffield urban theology unit, Dr John Vincent, who sums up experiencing the divine as what takes place when people put themselves into a discipleship relation to some great religious leader or movement or system or philosophy. You can't get more dispiritingly wide-church than that.

But the book has flashes of pleasure, notably the rather gentle pieces by the late Lord Grimond and the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Coggan. But the essay that was for me pure joy, though not perhaps worth by itself nearly £9, was by Dr Edward Norman, formerly Dean of Peterhouse. In characteristically acid fashion, he debunked several of the preceding contributors. He reminds us that the contemporary business of validating religious belief by subjective personal experience is part of a novel and revolting cult of the individual which is the poison of the age. God be thanked for sensible deans.

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David Ekserdjian salutes John Golding, the critic and exponent of modernist art

John Golding has always been a victim of two forms of typecasting. The first derives from the fact that he is a painter as well as an art historian, the second from the fact that his first book was an unsurpassed study of Cubism. However, as this marvellously illuminating and invariably readable collection amply demonstrates, he is a man of wide interests and the visual sensitivity of which he is indeed supremely capable is only a part of his achievement.

It is true that his lectures on Cubism at the Courtauld included visual analysis of such clarity and conviction as to persuade one that he had been equipped at birth with a superior brand of eyes, but the strength of these pieces is by no means exclusively visual. A number of them derive from the *New York Review of Books* and were not intended to be copiously illustrated, with the result that they do not suffer unduly from the distinctly frugal format imposed here. Furthermore, although Cubism is certainly not excluded, the range is extremely impressive, and Golding is no less authoritative on the subject of Brancusi or Gorky than he is when writing about Picasso or Braque.

His own paintings reveal his passionate love of pure colour and remind one of the radiance of Matisse. Indeed, when I was an undergraduate at Cambridge in the mid-seventies, and Golding came to give the Slade lectures, he spoke about Fauvism and Abstract Expressionism. The nervous giggles with which the audience greeted the professor's discussion of Barnett Newman's "zips" (the vertical bands of colour that enliven his canvases) bore witness to a philistinism I had assumed died out soon after the premiere of the *Rite of Spring*.

In general, as Rossetti and Wyndham Lewis found to their cost, the British are intensely suspicious of people who can paint *and* write. Perhaps Golding is forgiven, because he is an art historian, not a poet or novelist, but awareness of his other career does tend to colour criticism of his writing. In fact Golding is exceptionally good both at textual analysis and at discussing art in relation to literature. He is extremely perceptive in his essays on Guillaume Apollinaire and André Breton, the respective literary godfathers of Cubism and Surrealism, and his piece on Picasso's *Gongora* is a remarkable tour-de-force.

On a lighter note, his review of the 1986 futurist exhibition at Palazzo Grassi contains highly entertaining passages on Marinetti's Futurist cookbook and the banquets the movement organised. Predictably pasta was anathema, but who could resist salami with hot coffee sauce flavoured with eau de Cologne?

VISIONS OF THE MODERN
By John Golding
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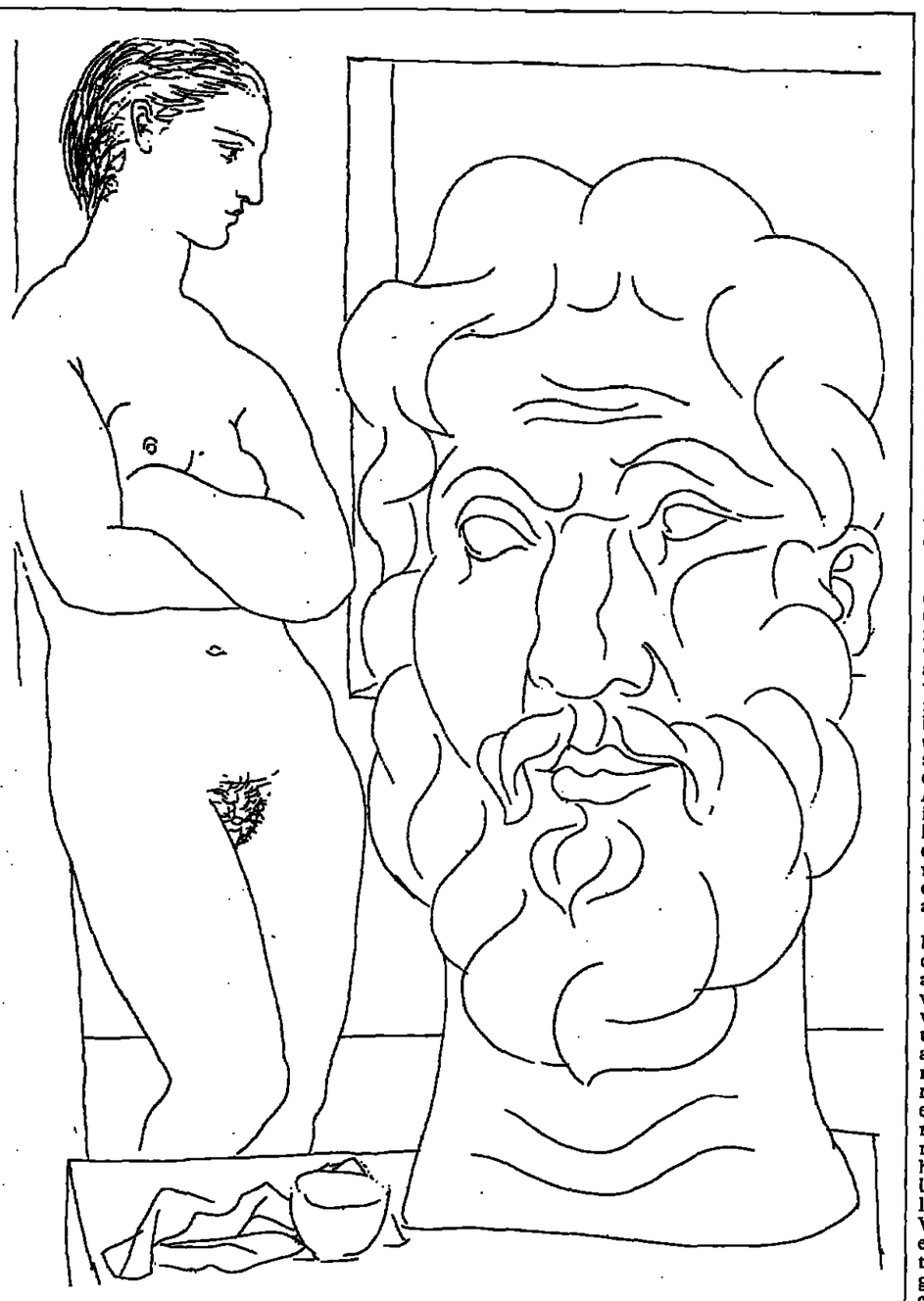
Golding's supreme merits as a critic are that he is never narrow-minded and that he is not afraid to express an opinion about quality. His lack of narrowness manifests itself in two ways, not only by virtue of the range of his interests within the art of this century, but also through his understanding of the art of previous ones.

This latter quality might seem more like a necessity, but the truth is that all too many modernist scholars are unashamedly, even smugly, ignorant of the art of earlier periods. Yet two of the greatest writers on modern art — Meyer Schapiro and Leo Steinberg — are true renaissance men, and similarly when John Golding talks about the tradition of still-life painting in relation to Picasso or discusses Giovanni Bellini in an interview with Richard Wollheim, he is most definitely not indulging in cultural name-dropping. In a world where ever-greater specialisation is the norm, we need all the Goldings we can get.

The point about quality might be taken for granted too, were it not for the fact that the dogmasters of political correctness and their hangers-on are so suspicious of the notion of artistic hierarchy. Of course late 19th and early 20th-century artists were right to recognise the supreme merit in so-called "primitive art", and *Les Demoiselles d'Avignon* is unimaginable without the influence of African masks, but that does not mean that we should abandon the notions of better and worse. For the PC brigade, however, the canon is a conspiracy cobbled together by the vested interests of the market and academe, and, worst of all, it is presided over by ideologically unsound monsters like Picasso, who must be public enemy number one within their demonology.

Golding does not fear to discuss the accomplishments of Dead White European Males, and the best of his writing does so by applying all the classical virtues to the scrutiny of the modern. Although the level of intelligence is awesome, in essence he writes as he speaks, and certainly never resorts to the self-serving obscurity beloved of so many writers on 20th-century art.

For all these reasons, he is a true model within his chosen calling, and it is to be hoped that young art historians — and indeed artists — will eagerly devour the contents of this book. It might even convert members of the "a child of four could have done that" or "taxi driver" school of criticism to the notion that at least the best modern art is perfectly serious, in the unlikely event that they could be cajoled into giving it the time of day.



Classicism in modernist guise: one of some 100 etchings Picasso made in the 1930s for the critic and dealer Ambroise Vollard; reproduced from *Picasso's Vollard Suite* (Thames & Hudson, £8.95 pbk)

Miss Austen and her sort

J.W.M. Thompson

JANE AUSTEN AND THE CLERGY
By Irene Collins
Hambledon Press, £25

Jane Austen was not above an occasional error of detail in her depiction of the life of the English landed gentry in their grand country houses. In *Pride and Prejudice* she slipped up over the fashionable hour for dinner, to her subsequent mortification. This momentary fallibility in so exact an observer suggests the starting-point for this original and illuminating book. The novelist did not really belong to the gentry she portrayed with such wit and acuteness. She was only on visiting terms with them: a different thing.

The world to which she belonged absolutely was that of the country clergy. Her sort of people lived in small houses rather than grand ones; they were often poor or only moderately well-off. Their profession was an overcrowded one, with not enough jobs to go round; but they were frequently better educated than their social superiors and were received in elegant drawing-rooms. Jane Austen knew these people inside out. Her father, two of her brothers and four of her cousins were parsons, and many of her friends were either clergymen or the wives and daughters of clergymen.

Irene Collins seeks in this book "to bring the reader closer to the true Jane Austen" and her re-creation of a distant world, and the ideas and values which animated it, undoubtedly succeeds in this, although Jane Austen must remain something of an enigma. Learned use is made of the evidence within the Austen novels and letters, and other records of the period. The history of the Church of England during Jane Austen's lifetime is not well known. Victorian clerics were ashamed of their predecessors and the study of mainstream Anglicanism (not the Evangelicals) was neglected. Conventional opinion has continued to disapprove of what Gibbon called their "fat slumbers".

The account of these men in holy orders which emerges from this book is certainly a mixed one. They could be agonisingly poor, like many a curate paid a pittance to run a parish for an absentee incumbent. They could take a casual view of their duties: one thinks of Fielding's Parson Trulliber, who was "a parson on Sundays, but on all other six might properly be called a farmer". They could be greedy pluralists. They could feel obliged to grovel obsequiously to their patrons, as Mr Collins did to Lady Catherine de Bourgh. Or they could be the decent, gentlemanly, scholarly parsons whom Jane Austen admired. This last type she knew at first hand in her own father.

The salient fact about the Church as an institution was that it was a refuge for the impecunious sons of the privileged classes. There was not much else they could do. The army and the navy were possible careers, but trade and commerce were not. They could not become attorneys or doctors either. The Church was the great resource, many of its livings being conveniently in the gift of those same privileged classes. It followed that what a man made of his role as parson depended on his own qualities. People seldom seem to have entered the Church from a sense of vocation. They did so to secure a place in society, a house and an income.

Since Oxbridge was turning out a steady flow of clergymen, the hardest task for most of them was finding a parish. Influence, usually through family connections, was all-important. After ordination a man might wait for many years, lingering as a hard-up bachelor Fellow of his college. If the Church as a career was something of a gamble, however, some men had the dice loaded in their favour. Of Jane Austen's acquaintances, the two clerics with the richest livings were the sons of an archbishop and a bishop respectively.

There is not much resemblance here to today's priests. But the best of Jane Austen's clergy saw their task (as did Edmund Bertram in *Mansfield Park*) as being "the guardianship of religion and morals, and consequently of the manners which result from their influence". True, of these, manners and morals tended to predominate. A good parson set a decent, gentlemanly, rational example to his flock. Excessive zeal was held in disfavour. It is easy to picture Jane Austen at ease in such company.

Then, of course, came the incoming tide of Evangelicalism. Jane Austen was not wholly out of sympathy with it, but she could not stand the more narrow-minded exponents of the creed. Their crimes were a lack of humour and failure to understand human nature. These were failings of which she herself could never be accused.



Jane Austen's House, Chawton: after her father's death she lived there 1809-1817, and wrote all six novels there

The Russian road to hell

Adam Zamoyski

THE MASTER OF PETERSBURG
By J.M. Coetzee
Secker & Warburg, £14.99

Unlike his previous novels, Coetzee's new work is not set in South Africa. And it seems to be based on real people and events. But nothing is quite what it seems.

An emigré Russian writer, one Fyodor Mikhailovich Dostoevsky, is brought to St Petersburg in 1869 by news of the suicide of his stepson. As he attempts to reconstruct what happened he gets involved in a web of Nihilist conspiracy and police investigation that surround this apparently accidental death. This leads to moral implication and personal humiliation, and the writer is finally obliged to confront the evil lurking within himself.

Dostoevsky did have a stepson called Pavel, and he did embark on *The Possessed* in 1869. But the real Pavel survived him, and Dostoevsky did not go anywhere near St Petersburg in 1869. In other words, Coetzee is playing fast and loose with historical reality. His Dostoevsky has a limited number of things in common with the great Russian novelist. But they do share some dominant preoccupations. And it is these that give Coetzee the right, so to speak, to make use of him. For Dostoevsky was the father of the modern psychological novel, and Coetzee is one of its greatest practitioners today.

In his previous works, and perhaps most memorably in *Waiting for the Barbarians*, Coetzee explores the grey area of complicity. He is the great scourge of the "Why me?" and the "What could I have done?" reactions we brandish like shields as we hurry past on the other side of the road. And Dostoevsky was one of the most guilt-conscious writers of all time. He positively heaped assumed guilt on himself.

So the figure of Dostoevsky is a perfect vehicle for what Coetzee wants to explore. And St Petersburg, evoked here with all the crushing, claustrophobic immensity one remembers from the Russian master's novels, is the perfect setting. Just like the South Africa of his earlier novels, the Tsarist capital provides a political predicament — one that does not need defining, since it is emblematic.

It may be Russia, but it is pure Coetzee territory. The protagonist's good intentions and understanding of life avail him little against the evil that is all around him, and cowers within him. His attempts to reach out and to help people lead to dismal sexual entanglements and abhorrent desires. His efforts to understand draw him into complicity with the misguided, the unjust and the criminal. We are compellingly made aware of the truth that there is no such thing as innocence in human relations.

This is not one of the greatest of Coetzee's books, but it lacks none of the power or the beauty of his writing at its best, and it has a gripping mysterious quality about it that probably owes something to the real Dostoevsky.

All dancing text

Michael Wright

ARC DE X
By Steve Erickson
Hutchinson, £14.99

THE AMERICAN novelist Steve Erickson presents his post-modern credentials as if they were the set elements in a top skater's ice dance programme.

All the right little twists and twiddles are there; the mysterious title, apparently stolen from a French geometry text book, the patchwork narrative with past, present and future events ripped and stitched into an epic quote; a clock that goes backwards; the blurring of fiction and history, from Thomas Jefferson's sex-life to the exploits of a bug-eyed filing clerk called Etcher; the intrusive presence of the author, writing himself into the pages of his narrative like a farmer hurling himself between the blades of his own combine harvester; the meld of the homely and the surreal, of the kitchen sink and the haunted banana; and so on.

These are the *donnés* of copybook post-modernism and Erickson has them taped. There are one or two dissenting voices among the judges; the German judge finds the whole thing rather Wagnerian — as well as being disturbed at the idea of tattooed neo-Nazis controlling the streets of Berlin in the year 2000. The old lady from the US heavily penalises Erickson for writing salacious tittle-tattle about a demi-god of American history.

The British judge points out comparisons with D.H. Lawrence in the inky sensuality of Erickson's "riding him down and down in the dark" descriptions of carnality and enjoys the richness of his prose, the sentences drily snaking across the page, shedding their skins and then slithering off in some fresh and unexpected direction.

The Greek judge finds the novel's mythopoeic grandeur enthralling — "especially the Minotaur stuff" — while the man from Russia, rubbing his temples, claims to have felt fearful for his soul in the face of Erickson's acute description of big brother-ish totalitarianism, offset by an underlying sense of "the terrifying limitless of both time and space".

THE OVERRIDING impression is one of wonder at the architectonic vastness of the whole thing. Some novels offer wide perspectives and deep vistas to stretch the reader's comfortable horizon; Erickson goes several stages further in writing a book which is an agoraphobic's nightmare — just like the *trompe l'oeil* decor in the apartment of one of his characters which gives the dizzying impression that walls, floors and ceiling have all vanished.

The audacity with which he rewrites history is as remarkable as his reworking of the tired old mechanics of a worn out genre. Post-modernism is dead; long live post-modernism.

How to invent a True Crime

Claire Messud

GLORIA
By Mark Coovelis
Macmillan, £8.99 pbk original

BLOODSONG
By Jill Neimark
Macmillan, £8.99 pbk original

Increasingly, the world embraces the maxim that truth is stranger than fiction, and interprets it to mean that fact is qualitatively better than what is made up. It is a reapportioning of value and significance made manifest in literature as well as in film and television, in the dominance of the autobiographical novel and the True Crime narrative.

Mark Coovelis, in his first book *Gloria*, turns this trend to his advantage: he has written a True Crime novel. That is not to say that he has fictionalised an actual murder case, but rather that he has invented a crime story which, at the time of the narration, has already been appropriated by a True Crime author and turned into *Quick Blood*, the book and the film, purporting to reconstruct events over several months in California in 1978 and 1979.

The novel's narrator is a restaurateur named Marvin Stone; the murder victim is his sister, Lisbeth, who ran away to another life and another name, and who exists in the public mind only as Gloria Rose Simpson, the unnatural accomplice in her lover's strangling of three women and only incidentally a victim herself. Lauren Ogilvie, who drops into Stone's life and lays claim to his affections, only to scuttle back out again, is the author who has undertaken the task of piecing together Gloria's story. It is a project which unites her with Marvin and yet, because he is unable to tell her the whole truth about his sister, it also brings about their break-up.

Lauren has written her version of events without all the facts, and it is only several years later, in the novel's present tense, that Marvin is ready to set the record straight.



Jill Neimark: promise

These various interlocking narratives (the events; Lauren's reconstruction; Marvin's revised reconstruction) form a gripping premise and make for a thought-provoking as well as an engrossing tale. Coovelis, moreover, is a deft, lucid writer, who takes pause in the narrative for reflection or memorable imagery ("Her teeth looked like ice cubes, white at the center and translucent at the edges.") In the end, though, the final revelations that Marvin provides are bound to be anti-climactic.

If *Gloria* suffers somewhat from being too plausible, too close to our society's ugly truths, the erotic thriller *Bloodsong* suffers from its distance. Jill Neimark has an accurate eye for detail and, when not too abandoned to bad poetry on the subject, writes quite well about that most difficult of topics, sex. The book's failing lies, rather, in its broader outlines, in the vagaries of its none-too-believable plot.

Lynn, a science journalist, meets a welder through a lonely hearts ad and falls for him. Her dreamboy turns out to be a murderer on the run, and Lynn, prompted by her passion, seeks out the facts of the case and Katie, the woman at root responsible for the violence. It is an investigation which turns up a drug-dealing dynasty and involves a trip to sunny Puerto Rico.

Aside from the narrator, whose bourgeois self-loathing is perfectly captured, Neimark's characters fail to come alive. In places, however, such as her evocation of Puerto Rico, Neimark's prose offers the promise of better to come.

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Children cannot sue council over social service functions

M and Another v Newham London Borough Council and Others
X (Minors) v Bedfordshire County Council

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Staughton and Lord Justice Peter Gibson

[Judgment February 23]

An action for breach of statutory duty or common law negligence could not be maintained by a child against a local authority in respect of acts or omissions for which the authority was allegedly responsible in the exercise of its functions as social services authority.

The Court of Appeal so held, the Master of the Rolls dissenting in part, when dismissing appeals by (i) M and her mother from Judge Phelan, sitting as a judge of the High Court, who had struck out their claims against Newham London Borough Council, Newham Health Authority and Dr Eileen Vizard for damages for breach of statutory duty and negligence, on the ground that such claims disclosed no reasonable cause of action; and (ii) X and her four siblings from Mr Justice Turner who, on the same ground, had struck out their claims for damages for negligence and/or breach of statutory duty against Bedfordshire County Council (*The Times* November 24, 1993).

In the first appeal it was alleged that M, then aged four, was interviewed in 1987 on the initiative of the local authority by the third defendant, a consultant psychiatrist, and a social worker to determine whether she had been sexually abused, and if so, by whom, and in that event to ascertain the mother's ability to protect her from further abuse.

Sexual abuse was diagnosed, but mistakenly interpreting the child's identification of the abuser they concluded that M should be removed from her mother with the result that she was taken into care and separated from her mother until the error of identification was discovered and she returned home a year later.

Both child and mother allegedly suffered consequent psychiatric disorders. Both pleaded allegations of negligence against the defendants, and in particular that they had failed to investigate the facts with proper care and thoroughness and had failed to discuss them with the mother.

In the second appeal, it was alleged that X and her four siblings, born between 1982 and 1990, had suffered sustained ill-treatment and neglect from their parents between 1987 and 1992. Despite repeated reports of neglect and deprivation made to the local authority by, inter alios, the police, neighbours, relatives, the NSPCC, the family GP, a social worker and a health visitor, the authority did not take effective steps to alleviate the children's condition until 1992 when it placed them on the child protection register and in October 1992 decided to seek care orders. Interim orders were made in December 1992 and final orders in April 1993.

The children complained that as a result of the authority's failure to act more quickly and effectively to remove them from their parents they had suffered ill-treatment and illness, their proper development had been neglected and their health impaired.

Mr James Munby, QC and Mr Robert Sherman for M and her mother; Mr Allan Levy, QC and Miss Elizabeth Ann Gumbel for X and her siblings; Mr James Holman, QC and Mr Richard Tyson for Newham Health Authority and Dr Vizard; Mr Edward Faulks for Newham Borough Council; Mr Ian Karsten, QC and Lord Meston for Bedfordshire County Council.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS, dissenting in part, said that for the purposes of the appeals the plaintiffs' allegations were assumed to be true and capable of proof, although they were strongly contested. Unless the claims were shown to be plainly unsustainable in law on the basis of the pleaded allegations, they should not be struck out.

Statutory duty

His Lordship referred to a series of statutory provisions which had imposed obligations on local authorities to protect children within their areas and, in particular, section 1 of the Child Care Act 1980, relevant to M's appeal, and sections 17, 20, 47(1), (8) and paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Children Act 1989, relevant to X's appeal.

The courts had regularly been called on to consider whether the imposition of a duty by a particular statute impliedly gave a right of action to a person injured by reason of a breach of that duty.

While his Lordship shared the regret voiced by Lord du Parcq in *Cutler v Wandsworth Stadium Ltd* ([1949] AC 398, 410) that Parliament had not explicitly stated its intention in the legislation creating the statutory duty, the court's approach was governed by the principles summarised by Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle in *R v Deputy Governor of Parkhurst Prison, Ex parte Hague* ([1992] 1 AC 58, 168-171).

It was clear that protection of the interests and welfare of children had for many years been a prime object of parliamentary concern. Local authorities had increasingly become the primary instrument for giving effect to the intentions of Parliament in that area. To that end the responsibility for judging what ought or ought not to be done in the case of any given child was in the first instance entrusted to them.

There could be no doubt about the class for whose protection the legislation was enacted, nor about Parliament's intention that the duties imposed on local authorities should, despite all the inherent difficulties, be competently and conscientiously performed.

However, his Lordship could detect nothing in the legislation which persuaded him that Parliament intended to confer a right of action on any person who could show, without more, a breach of any of those statutory duties injurious to him.

It was fatal to the plaintiffs' contentions that (i) the duties imposed on local authorities were framed in terms too general and unparticular to lend themselves at all readily to direct enforcement by individuals, and that (ii) the local authorities were accorded so large an area for the exercise of their subjective judgment as to suggest that direct enforcement by individuals was not contemplated.

The respective statements of claim disclosed no reasonable cause of action for breach of statutory duty and the claims on that ground were properly struck out.

Common law duty of care

Counsel for the plaintiffs had invited the court to regard the claims as simple and straightforward applications of the principles laid down in such authorities as *Donoghue v Stevenson* ([1932] AC 562); *Saif Ali v Sydney Mitchell & Co* ([1980] AC 198) and *Sidaway v Board of Governors of Bethlem Royal Hospital and the Maudsley Hospital* ([1985] AC 871):

1 That the psychiatrist, for whom the health authority was liable, and the social workers, for whom the local authorities were liable, were persons exercising a professional skill;
2 That the child and mother in the first appeal were patients of the psychiatrist and clients of the social worker and the children in the second appeal were clients of the social workers;
3 That in each case the plaintiffs were individuals foreseeably likely to be injured by careless acts or omissions by the psychiatrist and the social workers;
4 That to find a duty of care involved no incremental extension of existing principles, but a conventional application of them.

For the defendants it was pointed out:
1 That there was no precedent for a successful claim in such circumstances;
2 That the plaintiffs therefore had not only to establish that injury to them was reasonably foreseeable by the various defendants as a consequence of carelessness on their part and that their relationship with those defendants had the necessary quality of proximity but also that it was in all the circumstances just and reasonable in the public interest to impose a duty of care;
3 That the necessary proximity of relationship was lacking;
4 That the plaintiffs had advanced no arguable case on causation;
5 That the injury suffered was not such as to support a claim for damages, and
6 That for reasons of law and policy no duty of care should be held to exist in circumstances such as the present.

The child and the psychiatrist

Although the mother had taken the child to see the psychiatrist she did not herself seek the consultation and the psychiatrist was plainly engaged to advise the local authority and not the child or the mother on the child's behalf. It was not therefore a normal doctor-patient relationship.

It was, however, very direct and personal. The psychiatrist would have foreseen that if as a result of her questioning she reached erroneous conclusions and if, basing herself on such conclusions, she gave unsound advice, the child was liable to suffer, whether she remained at home to undergo further abuse, if she had suffered abuse, or by separation from her mother, if she had not, or was no longer likely to do so.

The psychiatrist would have recognised the welfare of the child as her paramount concern, not as a matter of legal obligation but of medical duty. The doctor-patient relationship here was of a special kind: the child was the psychiatrist's patient in the sense that it was for the child alone that the psychiatrist was, as she knew, being invited to exercise her professional skill and judgment. That would ordinarily lead to the conclusion that the psychiatrist owed the child a duty of care.

His Lordship rejected the defendants' submission that such a conclusion should not follow because the psychiatrist was entitled to a witness's immunity from actions for negligence. There was nothing in *Watson v McEwan* ([1905] AC 480); *Marrinan v Vibart* ([1963] 1 QB 234) and *Saif Ali v Sydney Mitchell & Co* ([1980] AC 198) to suggest that a witness was immune from suit in the present circumstances.

His Lordship referred to the defendants' submissions that on the grounds of public policy a duty of care should not be imposed on doctors in the present context; that the doctor's task was of a very difficult, delicate and judgmental nature; that the imposition of such a duty would have adverse consequences, causing doctors to act defensively and distracting them from the task in hand; that it would not contribute to the maintenance of high standards; that it would undermine the inter-disciplinary cooperation which such cases demanded if some of those involved were liable in negligence while others were not, or if all were liable it would make for complex claims, cross-claims and claims for contribution; that it would raise difficult problems of confidentiality; that it would be unsatisfactory if claims involving perhaps very young children could be prosecuted at any time until the children reached the age of 21; and that money was not an appropriate remedy.

His Lordship was not persuaded that it would be just and reasonable on those grounds to deny a right of action to a child foreseeably injured by an act or omission of a doctor in circumstances such as the present if it was an act or omission of which no ordinarily careful and competent doctor could have been guilty.

His Lordship's reasons were:
1 The extreme difficulty of the doctor's task and its highly judgmental nature were relevant. They presented any plaintiff with a formidable task. As always it would not be enough to show an error of judgment, or that other well qualified members of the profession would have taken a different view. It would have to be shown that the doctor's opinion or conduct fell outside the bounds sanctioned by any responsible body of professional opinion. It could be assumed that few claims would succeed.
2 A doctor's duty was in the present context, as in every other professional situation, to ascertain the facts as best he could, form the best judgment and give the soundest advice. His Lordship did not see why performance of that duty in the present context would be inhibited by knowledge that he might be held liable to a child.
3 His Lordship could not accept as a general proposition that the imposition of a duty of care made no contribution to the maintenance of high standards. The common belief that such imposition might lead to overkill was not easily reconcilable with the suggestion that it had no effect.
4 It by no means followed that if a doctor were subject to a duty the same was true of a policeman, teacher or health visitor. The potential complexity of litigation was not of itself a ground for denying relief.
5 While doctors might well prefer children and their parents not to see notes and records made of interviews they had conducted, opinions they had formed and advice they had given, there was no reason to suppose that difficulties would arise different in kind from those with which the courts were familiar, and which they had developed means to overcome and control: see *D v NSPCC* ([1978] AC 171); *Science Research Council v Nasse* ([1980] AC 1028); *In re M* (*The Times* January 4, 1990; [1990] 2 FLR 36).
6 The will of Parliament, reflected in statute, was that minors should be able on reaching the age of majority to complain of wrongs done to them before that time. If the courts were to deny children a right of action they would otherwise grant on the ground that such delayed litigation would be contrary to public policy, they would be substituting their own view of public policy, quite impermissibly, for that of Parliament.
7 It was not suggested that the child could have obtained any redress of any kind against the psychiatrist save by bringing the present action. If she could make good her complaints it would require potent considerations of public policy, which did not exist here, to override the rule of public policy which had first claim on the loyalty of the law: that wrongs should be remedied.
8 Money might be an inadequate remedy for the injury claimed to have been suffered, as it was for the loss of a leg, an eye, or a life. But usually it was the best the law could do. It was not for the courts to refuse the only remedy they could give on the ground that plaintiffs were better without it.

His Lordship rejected the assertion that the acts and omissions pleaded were not the cause of the child's injury since her separation was the result of court orders which necessarily broke the chain of causation.

He further rejected the submission that the psychiatric disorder suffered by the child was not damage which the law recognised as founding a claim for damages in common law negligence.

Lord Ackner in *Alcock v Chief Constable of South Yorkshire Police* ([1992] 1 AC 310, 400) had acknowledged that future development of the law was to be expected and Lord Bridge of Harwich in *McLoughlin v O'Brian* ([1983] 1 AC 410, 443) had warned against the temptation of seeking to freeze the law in a rigid posture.

The child and mother were not claiming damages for grief and distress, but for what was said to be a positive psychiatric illness. It would be little short of absurd if the child were held to be disentitled to claim damages for injury of the very type the psychiatrist should have been exercising her skill to try to prevent.

The child's claim against the psychiatrist should not be struck out as bad in law, although his Lordship had the gravest doubt whether it could succeed on the facts.

The mother and the psychiatrist

The mother was not in any meaningful sense the psychiatrist's patient. The psychiatrist's duty was to act in the interests of the child and that might mean acting in a way that would be adverse to those of the mother.

In that situation of potential conflict the psychiatrist could not arguably be said to owe a duty of care to the mother and her claim was accordingly rightly struck out. Similarly her claim against the local authority, which was legally indistinguishable, should suffer the same fate.

The child and the local authority

Much of what had already been said on the child's relationship with the psychiatrist was equally applicable. The conclusions already expressed on foreseeability, proximity, witness immunity, public policy, causation and damage applied in the present context also.

There was no indication that Parliament, by omitting to impose on local authorities a specific statutory duty breach of which would entitle an injured party to recover damages, intended no such duty to be imposed. There was no reason to suppose that it would have wished to deny the child a claim against the local authority on the present, assumed, facts.

His Lordship rejected the further argument of public policy, particularly relevant to the local authority, that the imposition of a duty of care would divert their already over stretched resources from the purpose of child care to the sterile processes of litigation.

Save in clear cases it was not for the courts to decide how public money was best spent nor to balance the risk that money would be wasted on litigation against the hope that the possibility of suit might contribute towards the maintenance of the highest standards.

The children and the county council

The responsible officers of the county council must have foreseen that the children were liable to suffer damage if their cases were carelessly handled and evaluated. Although their relationship was less proximate than that of the social worker and the psychiatrist in M's case, it could fairly be said, in the language of Sir Robert Megarry, Vice-Chancellor, in *Ross v Caunters* ([1980] Ch 297, 308) that their contemplation of the children was "actual nominate and direct".

His Lordship would allow the appeals of the child and the children in so far as they relied on alleged breaches of a common law duty of care.

LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON agreed with the Master of the Rolls that the statutory provisions in question did not give rise to a private law remedy in damages. He also agreed that the defendants in the first appeal could not rely on witness immunity as an answer to the claims against them, and that the issue of causation raised questions of fact such as should have gone for trial.

His Lordship declined to express an opinion on whether the nature of the harm allegedly suffered by the various plaintiffs was excluded from compensation on the ground that it was not the result of any sudden occurrence.

On the question of a common law duty of care in respect of the children, his Lordship disagreed with the Master of the Rolls. He said that the involvement of the local authorities came about entirely by statute. Neither authority had by the common law any right or duty to interfere in the lives of children within its area. At common law it, like a private citizen, might see a child in need but pass by on the other side.

One would therefore expect that any duty of care was to be found, if at all, in the statute. If on its true interpretation it provided none, then none should be owed by the authority. The law tended towards that view but did not entirely accord with it: see *Yuen Kun Yeu v Attorney-General of Hong Kong* ([1988] AC 175, 195).

In the field of private law his Lordship agreed with Lord Scarman in *Tai Hing Ltd v Liu Chong Hing Bank Ltd* ([1986] AC 80, 107) that there was nothing to the advantage of the law's development in searching for a liability in tort where the parties were in a contractual relationship.

If there was a contractual relationship which included no obligation to use reasonable skill and care, that was a powerful argument for not holding the defendant liable for negligence at common law.

His Lordship did not consider that the child in the first appeal was in law and for all purposes the patient of the psychiatrist. The child had not sought the psychiatrist's services, nor had the mother as the person with parental responsibility on her behalf. Those services had been thrust upon them.

The child was no more the patient than an applicant for life insurance who was examined by the company's doctor, or the errant motorist who was deprived of a small quantity of blood by the police surgeon. In all those cases the medical person owed some duty to the person being examined or treated: it was a duty to use reasonable skill and care so as not to cause harm in the course of examination or treatment.

But the general duty to perform the task allocated with reasonable skill and care, whether it be "diagnosing" the name of an abuser or assessing the expectation of life, or producing a blood sample for analysis, was owed to the person engaging the doctor to perform that task. That, in the first case, was the health authority or the local authority, the insurance company in the second and the police authority in the third.

Much the same could be said of the social worker. He no doubt regarded the child as his patient for many purposes but it was not the child or the mother who engaged his services, they were thrust upon her. As with doctors, he owed some duty to the child, but in the advice he gave to the authority as to the child's problems and needs his general professional duty was owed to the local authority which engaged him rather than to the child.

Accordingly the *Sidaway* case and the general duty of professional persons were of no assistance to the present plaintiffs.

The question whether it would be just and reasonable to extend an established category to some new situation could give rise to a number of familiar arguments, was met by familiar answers which were sound in logic.

But the time had come to recognise that that was unsound in practice. If a new duty of local authorities were established in the present appeals no doubt many claims would be brought placing further strain in an already stretched system, which would be provided with no more resources. Many claims with little or no prospect of success would doubtless be financed by the legal aid fund. Doubtless many claims would be delayed for years, perhaps until the plaintiff was 21.

The danger of overkill was very important in medical negligence cases. High standards of duty and vast awards of damages resulted in unnecessary tests and other procedures at great expense. That was the "exercise of a function being carried on in a detrimentally defensive frame of mind" see *Hill v Chief Constable of West Yorkshire* ([1989] AC 53, 63).

Time, trouble and expense would be required for the investigation of claims to the prejudice of the defendants' budget for their proper functions: caring for children here, policing in *Hill*'s case.

His Lordship doubted whether the imposition of a duty of care encouraged people not to be negligent. He would not impose a private duty on local authorities performing their public law function of caring for children in need.

Nor would he impose a general duty of the same nature on doctors and health authorities participating in the same process. The appeals should be dismissed.

LORD JUSTICE PETER GIBSON, agreeing with the Master of the Rolls and Lord Justice Staughton on the issue of statutory duty and with Lord Justice Staughton on the issue of a common law duty, said that he did not accept Mr Levy's submission in the second appeal that the remedy of judicial review provided an unrealistic remedy, given the wide concern which the children's plight, as pleaded, aroused among so many individuals as well as a knowledgeable organisation like the NSPCC.

The court would be slow to interfere in an area in which Parliament had left so much to the discretion and judgment of the local authority but if the councils' failures were as clear cut as pleaded his Lordship did not see why an application for judical review could not have been brought at the instance of one of the concerned persons.

Further, since the Children Act 1989 came into force the representations procedure under section 26 could easily and without formality have been invoked so as to ensure that the children's complaints were investigated properly.

Concurring in the result with Lord Justice Staughton he would dismiss the appeals.

Solicitors: Clinton Davis Cushing & Kelly, Clapton; Conway Wood & Co, Harpenden; Field Fisher Waterhouse; Barlow Lyde & Gilbert; Vizards.

Conviction on jury's inference unsafe

Regina v Pacey

Before Lord Justice Hobhouse, Mr Justice Wright and Mr Justice Sachs

[Judgment February 21]

Where the prosecution in its closing speech invited the jury to infer evidence contrary to that given by the sole prosecution witness and there was no evidential basis to support any inference, a conviction on that inference alone was unsafe and unsatisfactory.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in allowing an appeal by John Thomas Pacey against his conviction at Nottingham Crown Court (Mr Justice Owen and a jury) on October 19, 1992 for murder.

Mr Stephen Coward, QC, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Richard Latham, QC, for the prosecution.

LORD JUSTICE HOBHOUSE, giving the judgment of the court, said that the issue was whether the verdict was unsafe. It could only be unsafe if the evidence on which it was based was so unsatisfactory or insubstantial as to make it unsafe.

The prosecution in its closing speech had made factual submissions and invited the jury to infer evidence contrary to that given by the sole prosecution witness. Those submissions were flimsy. The prosecution in essence invited the jury not to act on the evidence of its own witness but on the basis of other possible inferences.

In such a case, where there was a sole prosecution witness, the prosecution had to decide whether to apply to make that witness hostile. If the prosecution did, then there would be no evidence from that witness on which a jury could work. Here, the witness remained a witness for the prosecution and central to the case.

It was not open to the prosecution to attack her credit. The prosecution could only point to inconsistencies in her evidence with other evidence.

The basis on which the prosecution had put the evidence at the conclusion of the trial so seriously undermined the case that there was no satisfactory evidential basis as opposed to a suggestive basis on which to come to a verdict. The verdict was therefore unsafe.

Solicitors: CPS, Lincoln.

Considering whether to commit for sentence

Regina v Manchester City Magistrates' Court, Ex parte Kaymanesh

Before Lord Justice Balcombe and Mr Justice Schiemann

[Judgment March 1]

When magistrates considered whether to commit a defendant to the crown court for sentence under section 38 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, as amended by section 25 of the Criminal Justice Act 1991, it remained the case that they should normally use that power to commit only where new material had come to light which was not available at the time of their original decision to try the case summarily.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in quashing a decision of Manchester City Magistrates' Court made on November 24, 1992 to commit Houshang Kaymanesh for sentence.

Section 38 of 1980 Act provides:"(2) If the court is of the opinion — (a) that the offence or the combination of the offence and other offences associated with it was so serious that greater punishment should be inflicted . . . (b) . . . the court may, in accordance with section 56 of the Criminal Justice Act 1967, commit the offender in custody or on bail to the crown court . . ."

Mr Howard Bradshaw for Mr Kaymanesh; the respondents did not appear and were not represented.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE said, following *R v Dudley Justices, Ex parte Gillard* ([1986] AC 442, 454), it was at the time of their decision to try the case summarily instead of sending the case for trial on indictment that magistrates should check their powers.

On October 1, 1992, section 25 of the 1991 Act came into force introducing a new section 38 of the 1980 Act. Magistrates now had to apply the new test in place of the old test about character and antecedents.

The new section did not entitle the magistrates to ignore the prior authorities. Magistrates' consideration of whether their powers of sentencing were inadequate should be made before their decision, under section 19 of the 1980 Act, to accept jurisdiction.

His Lordship agreed with *Blackstone's Criminal Practice 1993* (third edition, p1407) that principles derived from the cases prior to 1991 were still applicable.

If nothing further came to light between the magistrates' original decision to hear the case and their judgment they should not normally commit for sentence.

Mr Justice Schiemann agreed.

Solicitors: Clifford Johnston & Co, Manchester.

Contempt storm in a teacup

Regina v Tamworth Justices, Ex parte Walsh

Before Lord Justice McCowan and Mr Justice Curtis

[Judgment February 25]

Justices acted unreasonably in peremptorily committing to custody a solicitor who criticised the listing system at their court.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held, granting an application by John Patrick Walsh, a solicitor, for a writ of *certiorari* to quash the order of Tamworth Justices on July 8, 1992 that he be taken into custody under section 12(2) of the Contempt of Court Act 1981 and detained until the rising of the court.

Mr Robin Allen for the applicant; Mr James Turner for the justices.

LORD JUSTICE McCOWAN said that the solicitor had made an application to the justices to have cases in which he was instructed heard and adjourned. In the course of or shortly after that application, which was refused, he said words to the effect that "any delay is as a result of the ridiculous listing of the clerk of this court". His remark was said to have been a wilful insult to the clerk of the court.

To his Lordship's mind this was a classic case of a storm in a teacup and like most storms so located no one had acted with entire good sense.

If the justices had thought that the solicitor should withdraw the remark and he had refused and they judged his removal necessary for the administration of order they could have ordered his removal from the court under their inherent powers.

If they thought that he was guilty of misconduct, they could have reported him to the Law Society.

Third, they could have adjourned the matter to another day and asked the chief clerk to advise them as to their options.

Those were three options which seemed very sensible. Instead, his Lordship was bound to say that the justices, in committing the applicant to custody, had taken a sledgehammer to crack a nut.

If a period had been taken for calm reflection by all and the solicitor had been represented by another advocate on another occasion his Lordship found it unimaginable that the order would ever have been made.

Mr Justice Curtis gave a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Hodge Jones & Allen, Camden; Goodger Auden, Burton-on-Trent.

Crown court cannot remit case to magistrates

Regina v Sheffield Crown Court, Ex parte DPP

Before Lord Justice Kennedy and Mr Justice Scott Baker

[Judgment February 10]

Where a magistrates' court accepted jurisdiction to try summarily an offence triable either way and committed the defendant to the crown court for sentence, the crown court had no power to remit the case to the magistrates for sentence except when the committal order was bad on its face.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when allowing the application of the prosecution for judicial review of the decision of Sheffield Crown Court (Mr Recorder Brown) on March 26, 1993 declining to pass sentence on two defendants and remitting their cases to Sheffield Magistrates' Court for sentence.

Mr James Lewis for the applicant; the respondent did not appear and was not represented.

LORD JUSTICE KENNEDY said that the magistrates' court derived power to commit from section 38 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, as amended by section 25 of the Criminal Justice Act 1991 which came into effect on October 1, 1992.

Prior to the amendment, section 38 invited an interpretation that the magistrates' court should not exercise a power to commit for sentence after accepting jurisdiction to try unless persuaded by information about a defendant's character and antecedents.

But the amendment had significantly changed the wording. It was clear that the magistrates' court was entitled to form an opinion that the seriousness of the offence merited a greater punishment than it had power to impose.

The crown court had no power to go behind an order of the magistrates to commit. A challenge could only be made in the Divisional Court if the order were plainly bad on its face: see *R v Norwich Justices, Ex parte DPP* ([1950] 2 KB 558).

Solicitor: CPS, Headquarters.

Powers inadequate after trial

Regina v Dover Justices, Ex parte Pamment

A magistrates court's decision to accept jurisdiction to try an offence triable either summarily or on indictment did not conflict with its decision whether to commit an offender to the crown court for sentence.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Kennedy and Mr Justice Scott Baker) so stated on February 11 in dismissing an application for judicial review of a decision by Dover and East Kent Justices on March 26, 1993 to commit David Pamment for sentence at Maidstone Crown Court.

LORD JUSTICE KENNEDY said that when a magistrates court had accepted jurisdiction, it had decided that its powers were sufficient.

The decision to accept jurisdiction and its decision to commit an offender for sentence were different stages in the criminal process and there was nothing illogical in permitting a court to form different views at each stage.

It was wrong to suggest that the court should not be permitted to change its mind. The court's discretion under section 38 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, as amended by section 25 of the Criminal Justice Act 1991, was unfettered.

Nevertheless, it was to be hoped that the court would think carefully when deciding to accept jurisdiction for an either-way offence where on the facts the court could decide that its sentencing powers were inadequate.

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Nature of business: Hospital and Consultant Services
Trade classification: 40
Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 25 February 1994
Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Girocredit Bank Aktiengesellschaft: Der Sparkassen, Maurice Charles Withall and Peter Flesher, Joint Administrative Receivers (Office holder Nos) 2959 and 1650 of Grant Thornton, Grant Thornton House, Melton Street, London NW1 2EP

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Registered number: 1113617
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Trade classification: 23
Date of appointment of administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc 8.D.Sweden, FCA and J.J. Schapire, ACA, Joint Administrative Receivers (Office holder Nos 2719 and 6784) of Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, 2nd Floor, London W2 6LP.

COMPANY NUMBER 886117
ANGLO-SWISS ENGINEERING LIMITED
NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF THE ABOVE COMPANY
On 24 February 1994 the above named company was placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Anthony Victor Lomas of Price Waterhouse, No 1, London Bridge, London SE1 9QL was appointed liquidator by the shareholder
The liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the liquidator at the above address by 28 March 1994 which is the last day for proving claims. The liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.
The above company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.
Anthony Victor Lomas
24 February 1994

CORRIB LEISURE LIMITED AND
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, on Friday the 11th March 1994, at 11 o'clock in the fore noon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A Segal & Co, Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from Wednesday 9th March 1994.
Dated this 14th day of February 1994.
D J LONG
Director

HEALTHCARE HOLDINGS PLC
Registered number: 62246
Former company name: Hospital Corporation International Group Plc
Nature of business: Hospital and Consultant Services
Trade classification: 40
Date of appointment of administrative receiver: 25 February 1994
Name of person appointing the administrative receiver: Girocredit Bank Aktiengesellschaft: Der Sparkassen, Maurice Charles Withall and Peter Flesher, Joint Administrative Receiver, Office holder Nos) 2959 and 1650 of Grant Thornton, Grant Thornton House, Melton St, London NW1 2EP

FILEMALT LIMITED
(In Members Voluntary Liquidation)
In accordance with Rule 4.106, I, E J Wacey of Bacher Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF, give notice that on 23 February 1994 I was appointed LIQUIDATOR by resolutions of members.
Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 23 March 1994 to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned E J WACEY of 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF, the LIQUIDATOR of the said company, and if so required by notice in writing from the said LIQUIDATOR, are personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from benefit of any distribution.
Note: This notice is purely formal. All creditors have been or will be paid in full.
Dated: 25 February 1994
E J WACEY
LIQUIDATOR

IN THE MATTER OF HOOF'S FOOTWEAR LTD AND
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S.98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 25 February 1994, I, Melvyn Julian Carter, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5UU was duly appointed Liquidator of the company.
M J Carter
Dated this twenty ninth day of February 1994

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
M O'Donnell & Sons
(Huddersfield) Limited
Registered number: 1368065
Nature of business: Business Contractors and Plant Hire
Trade Classification: 5003
Date of appointment of administrative receiver: 22 February 1994
Name of person appointing the administrative receiver: Midland Bank plc
Names of administrative receivers: Roger Marsh, Christopher Horsfield
Office Holder No.(s) 8928 8899
Address: 9 Bond Court, Leeds LS1 2SN

NEWMARKET TRAILERS LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION
TAKE NOTICE THAT I, David John Mossop of Morton Thornton & Co., Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD was appointed Liquidator of Newmarket Trailers Limited by a resolution at the meeting of the company's shareholders held on 28 February 1994. NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the Liquidator, at the above address, by no later than Monday 28th March 1994, which is the last day for proving claims. The Liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors, and any creditor who has not made a claim by the date mentioned will be excluded from the benefit of any such distribution. The company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.
D J MASON, LIQUIDATOR
DATED this 28 day of February 1994.

NO. 00228 of 1994
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF HECHT, HEYWORTH & ALCAN LIMITED
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 23rd February 1994 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £7,800.00 to £1,224,311 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 25th February 1994.
Dated the 1st day of March 1994
Simmons & Simmons
14 Dominion Street
LONDON
EC2M 2RJ
Solicitors
For the above-named Company

RUSHDEN ASPHALT LIMITED
Registered number: 2580010
Nature of business: GENERAL CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION.
Trade classification: 23
Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 18th February 1994.
Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc, 8.D. Sweden, FCA and J.J. Schapire ACA, Joint Administrative Receivers, (office holder nos) 2719 and 6784 of Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LP.

Four outstanding cricketers in one side gave hosts supremacy

When the mighty Australians met their match



John Woodcock looks back at a great Test team and ahead to the series in South Africa

AUSTRALIA'S last Test series in South Africa, in 1969-70, coincided with one of England's quadrennial winters off, which they had, in those days, as a matter of policy. South Africa, therefore, was the place for a cricket correspondent to be, offering the chance to see a remarkable piece of sporting destruction.

The same Australia side that had overwhelmed West Indies in Australia a year earlier and beaten India by three Tests to one on the way to South Africa, were now not so much defeated by South Africa as slain by them.

In successive Tests against West Indies, Australia had amassed totals of 510, 547, 533 and 619. In South Africa, they passed 300 only once, despite having the same six batsmen — Keith Stackpole, Bill Lawry (the captain), Ian Chappell, Doug Walters, Ian Redpath and Paul Sheahan. Graham McKenzie, who had taken 51 wickets in Australia's previous ten Test matches, took one for 338 against South Africa.

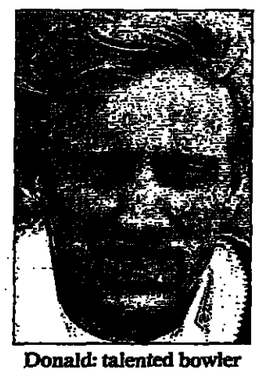
To be fair, the Indian trip had taken a lot out of Lawry's side, especially McKenzie. Even so, it seems extraordinary that, when this series in South Africa was over, it could be said that the only Australian worth a place in a combined side would have been the unorthodox spinner, Jackie Gleeson.

Then, as now, South Africa were short of top-class spin. But what energy they had, and what conviction and what promise. "Let's be honest," Lawry reflected after Australia had lost all four Tests by wide margins, "we've been outbowled and outbatted and, most of all, we've been outfielded".

It is rare for a side from any country to contain four such brilliant cricketers as South Africa had then in Eddie Barlow, Graeme Pollock, Mike Procter and Barry Richards. All of them, too, were either in their prime or approaching it.

With the possible exception of Hansie Cronje, none of the 11 who will take the field for South Africa in the first Test match against Australia here tomorrow is quite in that class. If that is so, it has something to do, almost certainly, with South Africa's long isolation, the effects of which will be felt for some time yet.

Against that, the first of the young black, Coloured and Indian cricketers should start to come through in a year or two's time and the game has more of a following among Afrikaners than it once did. It was, in fact, South Africa's success against that Lawry's said, and also against Bobby Simpson's Australia side in South Africa three years earlier, which first stirred more than a cursory interest in cricket in the Afrikaans-speaking schools.



Donald: talented bowler

South Africa's present captain and vice-captain, Kepler Wessels and Cronje, as well as Fanie de Villiers and Allan Donald, are all of that seed and there will be many more to come. The Afrikaners' natural dourness of approach is not out of place in today's game and there is no denying their tenacity.

This coming series will be umpired by a South African at one end, to be partnered by David Shepherd, of England, here and in Cape Town and by Mahboob Shah, of Pakistan, in Durban.

South Africa's umpires used to be the most uncomprehending in the world, partly because they got so little international cricket in which to graduate. With only England, Australia and New Zealand visiting South Africa, the best they could hope for, up to the time of their exclusion, was a tour every three or four years. Between 1920 and 1970, only 15 Test series were played in South Africa, against 42 in England.

When Australia and South Africa met in Australia earlier this winter, in a series umpired exclusively by Australians, even the home commentators were embarrassed by some of the decisions made in Australia's favour.

This became such a heated issue, not least in South Africa where the series engendered enormous interest, that a "neutral" presence, albeit at only one end, should help to ward off any talk of South Africa's umpires now squaring the account.

Mahboob Shah has stood in 21 Test matches and a World Cup final (England v Australia in Calcutta in 1987). He has delivered judgment, too, in various "holy wars" between India and Pakistan, which make most other "sporting" contests seem comparatively guileless.

When Lawry's side were here, the iniquities of apartheid would have meant Mahboob Shah being, as it were, curtained off. But South Africa has become more civilised since, which is more than can be said for the game of cricket.

The need for a referee in a Test match (Donald Carr is officiating here) and the mugging of Devon Malcolm by Courtney Walsh in Jamaica last week are symptomatic of the way cricket has gone.

MIKE HEWITT/ALLSPORT



Cronje, rated the best batsman in the present South Africa team

Emirates play by rules with qualified result

FROM DAVID TOWNSEND IN NAIROBI

AN INTRIGUING means of gaining entry into the 1996 World Cup finals will come to fruition today if the United Arab Emirates beat Holland in the second ICC Trophy semi-final. Perhaps it would be more accurate to say "a team representing the United Arab Emirates", because, of the squad of 16, only the captain, Sultan Zarawani, was born in the Gulf state.

According to prejudice, the other 15 are either expatriate bank employees who moved to the Emirates for a better lifestyle, or an expensive collection of cricketing mercenaries specially imported from all corners of the Indian subcontinent.

Rumours over residential eligibility and bonuses for winning have made the Emirates the centre of attention since they arrived in Kenya and presented local officials and opposing team managers with watches. It is not in dispute that nine of the UAE squad are from Pakistan, five are Indian and the other member is all-rounder Johan Samarasekera, the brother of the Sri Lankan international, Athula.

While the Emirates management insist theirs is simply the best mix of the many overseas nationals qualified to play under the Trophy's four-year residency rule, the ICC are believed to be unhappy that there is not more indigenous members of the UAE squad and suspicious that only a couple of the imports were willing to provide residential addresses.

At least seven of the squad appear to have taken up residency in 1989, with two key players entering on the same day in December to qualify to play in this tournament by only two months.

Although the UAE management survived a four-hour grilling on the subject of whether all their squad had spent the necessary days per year in the Gulf, members of the ICC qualifications committee are believed to still hold reservations.

Vikram Kaul, the UAE squad's Indian-born manager, insists that his players have all complied with the residential stipulations and Zarawani has repeated several times that his team neither make nor break the rules.

Zarawani said: "We are going with the rules of the ICC. We had to convince our government that allowing Pakistanis and Indians to represent the UAE was a good idea. If all the players here qualify under the rules of the competition — and I can assure you they do — what is to stop them playing?"

The ostentatious wealth of the Emirates has led to rumours that each player has been given $50,000 and three months off work to practise for the tournament, with the promise of a Mercedes Benz for World Cup qualification. These and other mutterings have been strongly denied by Kaul.

After seven matches, the "expatriates" are unbeaten, and Zarawani has answered the jibes that he is only in the team to sign cheques by playing a decisive role in the defeat of Bermuda.

NEIL Foster, 31, the former Essex and England seam bowler, collected £101,253 from his benefit season last year. He announced his retirement after 13 seasons in county cricket following back and knee problems.

The UAE's past two victories have been achieved by only one wicket after less-than-impressive bowling displays. If Holland can win the toss in today's semi-final and field, the Emirates might still be forced into a play-off for the third and final World Cup berth, against Bermuda on Saturday. Kenya beat Bermuda in the first semi-final.

Thecoach, Madan Lal, is confident that when the World Cup comes around, a new and better UAE side will have been assembled by similar means and Kaul is already grooming two players who were ineligible for the ICC Trophy.

Whether or not the Emirates are allowed to compete in 1996, the ICC is expected to investigate a change to its residential rule and then insist that in future a significant percentage of each team is of indigenous stock.

Feeding grass roots to ensure game grows in foreign fields

Marcus Williams looks at the quickening pace of cricket's development worldwide

References abound to cricket being played all over the world — in Moscow, Paris, New Caledonia, New York, Christmas Island and the Arctic Circle — but closer inspection usually reveals the players to be expatriates from Britain or other parts of the Commonwealth pitching their wickets on some foreign field to recreate thoughts of home from abroad.

While this, thankfully, continues, there is also in the air a feeling that cricket may be — ever so gently — becoming a world game. It has a well established, multi-million-pound World Cup, an active regional conference in the Asian sub-continent, a fledgling European championship, a place in the next but one Commonwealth Games and, drawing to a close in Kenya, the ICC Trophy tournament, contested by 20 countries representing all six continents.

Cricket will never rival football, basketball or volleyball as a popular international team sport, nor does it aspire to, but the International Cricket Council (ICC) is working to foster and encourage the game throughout the world, particularly in countries where it has few roots.

These will build on the dedicated missionary work that has been undertaken by bodies such as MCC and local cricket associations. Their efforts will, of course, continue, but the aim now is a formal development plan for the game, agreed by the ICC's member countries.

"The game must develop and expand and we will do all we can to stimulate that and provide practical support wherever it is required," David Richards, the ICC's chief executive, said. "For a very modest investment of funds, a lot can be done, such as getting the laws of cricket translated into other languages, supplying instructional videos or basic equipment, or helping with promotion in schools. ICC needs to make sure that the game can be taken beyond the English-speaking countries."

Richards, who was previously chief executive of the Australian Cricket Board, is in the inaugural year of a five-year term as the ICC's first, full-time chief executive, based in the refurbished Clock Tower at Lord's. In addition to his duties relating to cricket's senior countries, he is fervently committed to spreading the game. Since taking up office, he has visited Germany and Italy and is now in Kenya for the decisive matches in the ICC Trophy.

The ICC has 40 members: the nine Test-playing countries, the associate members assembled in Kenya and 11 affiliate members from countries where, under the present definition, there is a recognised governing body for the game *played in accordance with the Laws of Cricket*. However, their cricket is not deemed to be as *firmly established and organised* as in associate member countries.

Affiliate countries, where the level of cricket and organisation have risen, should, Richards said, be able before long to upgrade, and qualify for the cash available to entrants for the ICC Trophy "without too much difficulty. The last thing ICC wants to do is seem like an elite".

The affiliates, in order of election since 1984, are: Italy, Switzerland, Bahamas, France, Nepal, Japan, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Brunei and Spain and, while all are a long way from making an impact on a world stage and have no vote at ICC's annual conference, the word is gradually being spread. It has to be admitted that, in many of these countries, and of the associate members, leading players are still largely expatriates from major cricketing countries.

To encourage local talent and aspirations in, for example, European competitions, qualification rules require a number of years' residence and minimum numbers of national passport-holders, usually amounting to between four and seven players. Some go further: Italy, which, along with Nepal, hopes soon to graduate from affiliate to associate status, insists for some tournaments on a full team of 11 nationals.



Richards is firmly committed to spreading the game

The key to the establishment of any sport within a country is its appeal to children and their wish to play it and that is inevitably a long-term process — even more so when there are few, if any, local or national heroes to adopt. The case of football (soccer) in the United States is pertinent: for two decades, the world has been told of its popularity with American youngsters, but, despite the World Cup finals being staged there this summer, no national professional league has yet been successfully established.

The means to take cricket into new areas will certainly not be the Test match, nor perhaps even the one-day game, but rather a trimmed down version such as the six-a-side event played last autumn in Hong Kong by teams of Test players or, for children, Kwik or Kanga Cricket, an all-action game that can be played, indoors or out, with safe, plastic equipment.

At the other end of the scale, Test-match status is the ultimate recognition of a country's cricketing strength: after 117 years of Test cricket, only nine countries have achieved it and no other promotion is imminent.

A commitment to progress has come from an unexpected source — Malaysia, which has set down a wide-ranging plan with the goal of Test status by 2020. Impetus has been given by the inclusion of cricket in the 1998 Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur, which has brought government money to improve facilities and the inclusion of cricket in the school curriculum. A cricket development officer has been appointed and Richie Robinson, the former Australian wicket-keeper, is coach of the national side. Playing standards seem to leave room for improvement, as Malaysia won only one of their four qualifying group matches in the present ICC Trophy.

In a fast-changing world, 26 years is a long time to wait for a new family member: perhaps Bangladesh or the emerging United Arab Emirates could beat Malaysia to it.

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THE TIMES

Clubs fined £500 each for brawl in cup tie

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

WIGAN and Featherstone Rovers escaped comparatively lightly yesterday with fines of £500 each, half suspended for a year, after the mass brawl that marred their Silk Cut Challenge Cup quarter-final at Central Park last Sunday.

Both clubs gave their version of events to the board of directors of the Rugby Football League (RFL), but there was no explaining away video footage of the eruption of flying fists and, in the case of Kelvin Skerrett, of Wigan, flying body, as players hurled themselves into the melée after the home side had scored a try.

More important could be the appearances today before the RFL disciplinary committee of the three players sent off in the match. In the case of Andy Platt, anything more severe than a one-match suspension will mean his absence from Wigan's cup semi-final with Castleford at Headingley on Saturday week.

Steve Molloy, his Great Britain prop forward colleague, and Neil Roebuck, the other Featherstone player dismissed, will make separate appearances before the committee in Leeds. Featherstone were, additionally, fined £250 by the board as a consequence of a suspended sentence from a previous incident.

Gerald Cordle may no longer be wanted by his club but remains good enough for his country. His inclusion yesterday by Wales for the rugby league international in Cardiff with France tomorrow comes, ironically, at the expense of one of the new generation of players who has replaced him at Bradford Northern.

In looking to plug the significant gap on the right wing caused by the withdrawal of the injured John Devereux, Clive Griffiths, the Wales coach, overlooked Daio Powell and gave Cordle, 13 years Powell's senior, the nod on *past form and experience*.

Since being transfer-listed by Bradford in January, Cordle has made only two first-team appearances.

Adrian Hadley, of Widnes, is ready to replace Cordle on the bench. Powell, one of three newcomers with Mark Perrett and Richard Webster, can count himself unlucky not to be in the starting 13, but should gain his first cap with a substitute appearance.

It has been no secret that the Australian, Greg Austin, has wanted to leave Keighley virtually since his arrival there from Halifax seven months ago, but his return to Salford has come as a surprise. The centre will today sign for the club he left six years ago. "I feel I'm a much better player now than I was then," he said.

Keighley had earlier blocked a move by Austin to St Helens, the club which had been expected to buy him following a resolution to talks between the player and the second division club to release him. Salford are delighted at the purchase of Austin, 30, who scored 201 tries in 212 matches, but managed only 25 in 48 games during the first spell at the Willows.

☐ The British Amateur Rugby League Association is 21 today — years in which the number of amateur clubs has risen from 150 to 1,350 — and the occasion is marked on two global fronts by the start of the first Great Britain amateur tour of South Africa and an inaugural international in Casablanca this afternoon between the Britain amateur youth team and Morocco.

JOHN MANNING



Faurie shows off his bronze trophy, awarded to the dressage personality of the year, in London yesterday

Whitaker follows familiar path

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

MICHAEL Whitaker, the world's leading show jumper, was presented with the Martini equestrian show jumping personality award in London yesterday. Despite his pre-eminence, it is the first time Whitaker, 34, has won the award. For the last six years, it has gone to his older brother, John. "I'm delighted," Michael said, "Last year was one of my best."

The Martini awards, now in their 37th year, cover seven equestrian disciplines and are given each year in recognition of outstanding performances the previous year. The winners are chosen by the readers of *Horse and Rider*, *Pony* and *Topic* magazines.

Whitaker's award follows a superb year during which he displaced his brother as the world's No 1 rider. In July, on Everest Midnight Madness, he captured the individual bronze medal at the European championships. In August, he and the 19-year-old Everest Monsanta won the Dublin grand prix and went on to a third successive win in the Hickstead Derby.

Whitaker's main aim this year is the world championships in The Hague in August with either Midnight Madness or Everest Two Step. Before that, he has his sights set on next month's Volvo World Cup final, also in Holland. He is lying second in the European league for the cup.

The Gloucestershire-based Emile Faurie, winner of the dressage personality award, also has his eyes fixed on The Hague. Last year, he helped create dressage history when he and Virtu won the individual bronze medal and helped the team to win the silver — the first time a British dressage team has won a championship medal.

Kristina Gifford, 23, won the horse trials award for the first time following her outstanding performance at the European championships in Germany, where she took the individual silver medal on Song And Dance Man.

The Martini scholarship for the most promising young rider went to Hannah Esberger, 19, from Yorkshire, a member of last year's junior dressage team. She finished eleventh on Dutch Encounter.

AWARDS: Dressage: E Faurie. Show jumping: M Whitaker. Horse trials: K Gifford. Driving: G Bowman. Point-to-point: P Curling. Endurance riding: J Thomas. Showing: V Toulson. Topic: V Toulson. Scholarship: H Esberger.

Collins critical of McLaren's driving tactics

BY OLIVER HOLT

THE manner of McLaren's long-running attempt to find a team-mate for Mika Hakkinen yesterday brought a sharp rebuke from Peter Collins, the managing director of Team Lotus and the employer of Johnny Herbert, one of two British drivers targeted by Ron Dennis, the McLaren managing director.

Dennis is still trying to persuade Alain Prost to call a premature end to his retirement and race for the team in the coming season, which begins in Brazil on March 27. The four-time world champion is expected to test the Peugeot-powered car in Estoril, Portugal, next week, but his lasting commitment to a fresh season of racing is far from certain.

Dennis has also been in constant contact with Martin Brundle, who is testing for the team at Silverstone this week, and has made overtures to Herbert, who visited the Woking factory last month "for a chat".

Herbert is bound to Lotus by a long-term contract and Collins, who lost Hakkinen to McLaren after a bitter struggle at the end of the 1992 season, used his team's unveiling of a new sponsorship with the Miller brewing company in Norfolk yesterday to voice his anger at Dennis's methods.

"It is irritating to have another team making clear their interest in a driver who is under contract to you," he said. "There is a correct manner in which to deal with these issues where there would be no speculation. McLaren have not acted in this manner; they have not acted correctly. They were informed by both Johnny and the team of his contractual position, but their subsequent contact with the team has been minimal."

Herbert, who finished in fourth place for Lotus on two occasions last season, refused to comment on the speculation other than to affirm that he had a contract with Lotus, but Collins said the speculation over his driver's position had caused more distraction to Herbert than the team: "It is flattering for Johnny that they should consider him a suitable replacement for Ayrton Senna, but I am here to look after Team Lotus, not McLaren, so we will be racing this year with Johnny Herbert and Pedro Lamy," he said. "Team Lotus have no intention of assisting McLaren in resolving their difficulties."

Collins said he believed the International Automobile Federation (FIA) should augment existing provisions to limit the poaching of drivers by introducing a transfer deadline similar to the one used by football authorities in England. "I believe that would be a very good idea," he said. "The first part of that has already been established by the Contract Recognition Board, but I believe a deadline is the next stage that entrants in grand prix racing should move towards.

"You are always going to have problems with a predator who is interested in prey that is contracted to you, but there are two ways you can legitimately obtain a good driver. You either recognise the talents at an early stage in his career, as we have done with Johnny, or you pay the asking price for the driver. Neither is going to happen in this situation."



Herbert: Lotus contract

SPORTS LETTERS

Cardiff supporters go beyond the bounds

From Mrs Irene Boston

Sir, I have ferried my husband to various football matches, both at Luton and away, but recently suffered one of the most unpleasant afternoons I have ever spent before and after the FA Cup fifth-round match at Cardiff.

After dropping my husband near the ground and parking the car, I walked towards the city centre through several large groups of supporters on their way to the match. I was insulted, had abuse shouted at me and was jostled: they refused to let me pass on the pavement, forcing me into the road. I was not the only female to be picked on; several women with children were treated in the same way.

Having spent numerous Saturdays in towns holding football matches, I am used to the boisterous nature of some supporters. There is always a good-natured edge to the banter and I have always felt perfectly safe, but the Cardiff supporters were an aggressive, intimidating, frightening bunch who were obviously looking for trouble before the match had even started.

I finally retreated to our car and listened to the local radio. After marvelling at the comments of the two radio commentators and the Cardiff manager's inflammatory remarks, I worried when my husband did not return to the car over half an hour after the match had ended. I started to walk back to the ground, fortunately meeting him halfway. After hearing what had happened, we drove out of an extremely volatile situation as quickly as possible.

It seems too much of a coincidence that, shortly after the manager made these remarks, the Cardiff supporters tried to attack the Luton followers. Having just found out that Cardiff City already have a suspended fine for crowd trouble hanging over them I find it highly irresponsible of Mr May to have made these remarks.

In the programme, the Cardiff City chairman and manager mention the supporters being an asset to the players and club and the envy of other clubs. The supporters are called the "twelfth man" in the captain's column; on this occasion, several hundred twelfth men tried to continue the match after the final whistle by attempting to use Luton supporters' heads as their match ball. Perhaps the referee blowing his whistle and running off the pitch should have given an idea of what would happen next.

It's a great pity those Luton supporters who brought their wives and young children to the match were not warned in advance before they put them at risk. If there had been a poor decision by the match officials, so what?

Every club has to accept this from time to time, just as every club also gains sometimes by those poor decisions. If the roles had been reversed and Cardiff had been allowed a goal of this nature, would they have minded?

The Luton fans were not part of the game or any of the official decisions so what gain did the Cardiff hordes hope to achieve by attacking them?

I do not take kindly to being frightened in this way in broad daylight, nor to having my husband put at risk. This is after all supposed to be a game.

Yours faithfully,
IRENE BOSTON,
40 Brookside Road,
Stratford upon Avon,
Warwickshire.

Underdogs' day

From Mr A. E. Beagley

Sir, Whilst I agree with the dates and appearances of top-division clubs in the last 16 of the FA Cup given by Mr S. Hindin (Sports Letters, February 17), there were also seven in 1951-52 and 1965-66 and six in 1969-70.

However, the lowest number since the Second World War is actually five, in 1957-58, when only Bolton, Manchester United, Sheffield Wednesday, West Bromwich and Wolverhampton of the top flight reached that stage, together with nine clubs from the second division and Darlington and Scunthorpe from the third division north.

Yours faithfully,
A. E. BEAGLEY,
67 Bearwood Road,
Barkham,
Wokingham, Berkshire.

Limited choice

From Mr Derek Edwards

Sir, Watching Manchester United's star-studded, but multi-national, team perform so brilliantly against Wimbledon brought home to me forcefully the fact that Terry Venables, the new England coach, has a decreasing number of English-qualified players to choose from amongst the FA Carling Premiership teams.

In goalkeepers, there is effectively only a choice between Seaman and Flowers. The choice is similarly restricted in other positions.

Should we now consider restricting to two, or perhaps three, the number of non-English qualified players allowed in each team in the premier and other divisions? This may prove to be one way of preventing the further decline of English national football. A similar restriction already applies in other countries.

Yours sincerely,
DEREK EDWARDS,
21 Princes Way,
Brentwood, Essex.

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Commentary is too negative

From Mr Anthony Steel

Sir, I have just returned from Barbados, which was made even more enjoyable by seeing the England team win the first one-day international against West Indies. What an atmosphere, what a game!

The various reactions to that game were extraordinary. The locals, who are fanatical about cricket, were full of praise and respect for England, but those who had not been at the game told me that the British commentators on radio and television were still being negative about our team. They just could not understand it.

Then I watched on television the Jamaica Test match and I could see what they meant. The commentators (mainly past players and one in particular who scored many runs very slowly) were lining up to criticise England. It is so sad and so damaging. Furthermore, it rubs off because, since returning to the UK, several of my friends have been making the same critical and negative comments about the England team.

In the Test, England started with a century opening partnership; they won the first one-day match easily and have now only just lost the second. This is a young team, led by a new captain, playing the most formidable team in the world in some of the most formidable venues. Being realistic, they've done very well and yet we have only negative thoughts.

Out there, West Indians are full of respect for England for the first time for many years (whilst still remaining positive about their own team, I should add) and I was proud to be British, yet over here everyone is ashamed of them.

Television commentators should be realistic and fair, and not negative when it's not deserved — or do we really expect them to win every match against every team?

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY STEEL,
Kirkwood,
Lockerbie,
Dumfriesshire.

From Mr B. G. P. McKechnie

Sir, It is clear that a great deal of West Indies' bowling in the first Test match in Jamaica was intimidatory and action should have been taken to stop it. Why was nothing done? Was it a question of politics and diplomacy and the fear of the umpires of being taken off the Test match list, or do the umpires think that the regulation regarding bouncers has superseded law 42 about intimidatory bowling, if not in fact, in their minds?

One wonders about this when Alan Lee (February 23) wrote that Walsh "made them all count and, in between times, showed the existing regulation can never deprive a resourceful fast bowler by aiming unerringly at an area between the chest and the nose."

And this is cricket? Eventually, a player will suffer serious injury or even be killed and the controlling bodies of the game and the umpires will bear full responsibility.

Yours truly,
B. G. P. McKECHNIE,
74 Park Avenue,
Worcester.

Undervalued

From Mr J. P. Moir

Sir, Your article on the Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race crews (February 24) shows that half of those selected are postgraduates reading for second degrees. This may result in better rowing, but it detracts from the spirit of university sport and from the achievement of younger sportsmen who have to combine their athletic activities with the much greater academic pressures of a first degree in order to win a blue.

There is no doubt a place in university sport for postgraduates, but should it be at the unlimited expense of younger undergraduates?

Yours faithfully,
J. P. MOIR
(Oxford half blue,
1966 and 1968),
St George's House,
27 High Street,
Sandwich,
Kent.

Few chances for girls

From Mr and Mrs Bill Helm

Sir, After a four-year stint in the United States, our 11-year-old daughter has returned with us to England to find that there is almost no opportunity for girls to play football even here in Manchester, the world capital of football.

Football is a wonderful game for girls. It requires teamwork, speed and skill, none of which talents are the preserve of boys — in fact, the poise, balance and team-play of able girl footballers exceeds that of most boys.

Why has girls' football been almost totally ignored by the Football Association, which seems unable to appreciate the major advances made by other countries? In many regions of the United States, girls play in well-organised leagues, starting from the age of six, and, as a result, the sucess of the United States in the women's World Cup last year was no surprise to anyone living in that country.

Cannot the FA rise to this challenge as other countries have done and promote the sport for girls? Could not professional clubs, who do so much to support boys' football, now put resources into helping the other half of their fans develop their skills and perhaps enable English women to take their place in the ranks of world-class football?

Yours faithfully,
JANE HELM,
BILL HELM,
124 Parrswood Road,
Withington, Manchester.

Unequal rights

From Mr Edward Grayson

Sir, Mr Tony Adams (Sports Letters, February 17) missed the point of not allowing women to have equal golf club rights.

The real issue was illuminated by the well-publicised embargo imposed by better-known clubs than the one televised from the narrow golf world.

For, notwithstanding the long-admired talents of immortal sporting heroines, there are many men who would always wish to pull up the drawbridge in today's aggressive emphasis upon Kipling's timeless vision that "the female of the species is deadlier than the male".

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
EDWARD GRAYSON,
4 Paper Buildings,
Temple, EC4.

Ice dancing out on a whim

From Mrs Sylvia Disley

Sir, In support of Mr John Marti-Rossi (Sports Letters, February 24) ice-dance judging has ever been thus.

As a spectator since the early Fifties, I have noticed that the judging has frequently been controversial. The difference is that it is now being watched by millions on television round the world.

Bearing in mind that the Olympic motto is "Citius, Altius, Fortius" (Faster, Higher, Stronger) referring to qualities which can be accurately measured, one wonders how much longer the Olympic programme can continue to include sports such as diving, gymnastics and skating, which seem to depend so often on the judges' whims and prejudices.

I fear that the ice-dance judges in Lillehammer may have shot themselves in the foot as far as their own international association's Olympic future is concerned.

Yours faithfully,
SYLVIA DISLEY,
Hampton House,
Upper Sunbury Road,
Hampton, Middlesex.

From the Rev B. H. Carpenter

Sir, The award of Olympic bronze medals to Torvill and Dean in the ice-dancing competition has raised questions of the suitability of the judges. No doubt each is an expert in ice skating, but since 50 per cent of the marks awarded go to artistic impression, it would be better if this were judged by experts from ballet and the art world who would really understand what "artistic impression" requires.

In too many cases, the music is atrociously handled — so crudely that it detracts from the dancing. Again, the panel would benefit from the inclusion of people competent in classical and popular music. Such a reformed panel of judges for Olympic and international competitions would eliminate most of the recent abuse and criticism.

Yours sincerely,
B. H. CARPENTER,
13 Blossom Close,
Botley, Hampshire.

From Mr Scott Forsyth

Sir, Whatever may be thought about the judges' verdict in Lillehammer, and whether ice dancing is to be regarded as a sporting event or not, we must surely admire the demeanour of Torvill and Dean, both on seeing their markings and on the podium afterwards. In a time when we have had to become accustomed to so much ill-temper and tantrums at major sporting events, the two skaters, despite their deep disappointment, set an example to the whole sporting world.

Yours faithfully,
SCOTT FORSYTH,
Callan's Close,
Clyst Hydon,
Cullompton, Devon.

Sharing blame

From Mr E. M. Hall

Sir, Brian Clarke (February 18) writes of the voracious habits on inland waters of the cormorant. I wonder whether the shag, often mistaken for the cormorant, is partly to blame.

For many years, we have had — and mainly welcomed — several shag on the Regatta Reach at Henley. They are distinguishable from cormorant in that the cormorant has a white gorget near the base of the bill and that the shag's head is crested in summer.

It is fairly well known that the Chinese use a cormorant, with a strap round the lower part of the neck, to catch fish for them, and according to the late Reverend C. A. Johns (*British Birds in their Haunts*, revised edition, 1948, page 15), a similar method was once practised in England.

Yours faithfully,
E. M. HALL,
6 Fair Mile,
Henley on Thames,
Oxfordshire.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 48

LAQUEARIAN
(c) Of a gladiator, armed with a noose to entangle his antagonist, from the Latin *laqueus* a noose, *laqueārius* equipped or armed with a net or noose: Byron, *Childe Harold*, 1818: "Whether the wonderful statue which suggested this image be a laquearian gladiator."

MINULIZE
(a) To warble lightly or softly, transitive, perhaps an imperfect recollection of the Greek *minurizein*: "The Thrush, the Lark, and nights-joy nightingale./ There minulize their pleasing laies anew."

PRETEX
(a) To put forward as a pretext, to allege as a reason or excuse, to pretend, adaptation of the Latin *praetexere* to weave before or in front, to border, to place before as a covering, to cloak, disguise, pretend: "Lest their rashness (as they pretex it) should confirme the enemies of the gospell."

PRIMEROLE
(c) A name given to one or more early spring flowers, especially the cowslip, (?including the primrose), and the field daisy, hence a pretty young woman, the diminutive of *prime* first: "Primula veris is called primerole. Some call it Saint Peterwort. Others Paralisie. It is called primerole or primula of prime time, because it beareth the first flower in prime time."

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Ballesteros and Olazábal team up again

Spaniards resume partnership and cast rivalry aside

FROM MEL WEBB IN TORREVIEJA, SPAIN

AN OLD, passionate but friendly rivalry will be suspended for a week next month as one of the most successful golfing partnerships of modern times is resumed when Severiano Ballesteros and José María Olazábal play together in the inaugural Perrier European fourball championship, near Paris.

Ballesteros's crown might be showing signs of rust and José María Olazabal's ermine may be fraying a little round the edges after a long spell without a victory for them both, but the strength of these two as a team has always been greater than its individual parts.

They have one of the greatest Ryder Cup records of all time — they have won 11, halved two and lost only twice in the 15 matches they have played together in foursomes and fourballs since Olazábal made his Cup debut at Muirfield Village in Columbus, Ohio, in 1987.

Since then, their rivalry at the pinnacle of Spanish golf has always brought the best out of them when they are put together and, no matter how indifferently either or both of them are playing singly, they will be the men to beat at St Cloud between April 14 and 17, the week after the Masters in Augusta.

Both men are playing in the Turespaña Mediterranean Open that starts today at Villamartin, about 25 miles from Alicante on the Costa Blanca, and no sooner had word of their partnership got out than they were spotted practising alongside each other on the driving range, exchanging quips and sometimes even clubs. The psyching-up process had started. By the time the tournament starts, they will have half of the field frightened to death.



Olazábal: back on form

Ballesteros made a quietly satisfactory return to tournament golf last week after a winter strengthening his fragile back, tying for eighteenth place in the Turespaña Andalucian Open. Meanwhile, in spite of voicing one or two half-hearted protests to the contrary, Olazábal played some beautiful golf before being beaten into second place by Carl Mason on the final green.

"Don't expect any miracles from us," Ballesteros said. "They just don't happen any more." It is only fair to point out, however, that there was very big twinkle in his eye when he delivered his stricture. These two could be walking on crutches and they would still be capable of miracles if each of them had the other by his side.

However, first must come the job in hand and Ballesteros said that he had been encouraged by his performance in Montecastillo: "I played pretty well last week," he said. "I just need to be a little sharper. The one thing professional golfers need is competition and I felt that my game progressed well last week. Maybe I'll be a lot better this week."

Olazábal, who won this event in 1992, repeated an oft-heard complaint from him lately: "My driving is still no good," he said before he surprised everybody by brightening up considerably and commenting: "Otherwise I'm in pretty good shape." He has played two tournaments and has finished ninth and second. Does that sound like a man who cannot hit the ball straight off the tee?

The tournament has attracted a strong field, which will be playing on a short, flat but immaculate Villamartin course that is not likely to be a severe test if the wind does not blow. The bent-grass greens are putting well and Mark Roe, who has been around the European Tour for a year or two and should know about these things, said that a 59 might be on if the conditions stay as benign as they were yesterday and somebody was putting well. It sounds tailor-made for Olazábal.

Norman disdains elevated status

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN MIAMI

NOT interested. No credence. That is what Greg Norman thinks of the ranking system that places him at No 1 in the world of golf.

"It's a waste of breath talking about it," he said. "Until there's a world tour and we're playing each other week in and week out, it's impossible to say who's best."

Today, in Miami, the Australian starts his defence of the Doral-Ryder Open, which he won by four shots last year, with a record total of 265, 23 under par. Nick Faldo, the man Norman displaced as No 1 on the maligned Sony rankings, is also here and the field oozes with class. Nick Price, Fred Couples, Tom Kite, Tom Watson, Johnny Miller and Vijay Singh are also competing for the first prize of $252,000.

Norman, last season's Open champion, refuses to set any goals publicly this time round. In contrast, Faldo, who is scheduled to play Norman in a televised match at Sunningdale just before the Open in July, openly states he wants to be No 1 again. He has just spent five days working hard with David Leadbetter, his coach, having toughened himself up with sessions in the gym at home.

He will be playing all but one of the next six weeks in America, in the run-up to the Masters and would love to have the freedom to play more over here.

At present he is restricted to ten events but he hopes that Deane Beman's successor as commissioner of the tour might prove more flexible and see foreign players of distinction as a boon rather than a bane.

Fighting to push back frontiers



Hall, right, attempts to wheel her opponent to the mat at Llangynwyd Judo Club in Maesteg yesterday. Photograph: Huw Evans.

John Goodbody on a Briton's efforts to win wider recognition for blind women in the world of judo

Being blind may seem an insuperable handicap in a combat sport. A competitor cannot see the fists of a boxer or the feet of a karate fighter as the blows rain in. Judo is different.

Once a grip is settled between two fighters, a blind person's acute sense of touch and balance can provide a superior feel for the movement of combat, the way an opponent attempts a throw or reacts to a technique. Often, during practice, an opponent can get frustrated when, as a throw is started, the blind combatant has already moved to block the attempt. The blind person seems to know what throw is coming.

Anita Hall is like that. This weekend, she will represent Great Britain in the first international judo tournament for the blind which has officially included female competitors. After the successes of Britain's sighted women judo internationals, including the world champions, Nicola Fairbrother, Karen Briggs and Ann Hughes, similar victories might be expected from its blind competitors in Franconville, France. Teams from Russia, Spain, Germany and the host country have also entered.

Britain's blind men have already achieved success. They won the World Cup last year and, in the light-middleweight, Simon Jackson, have the world, European and double Paralympic champion. Now it is the turn of the women.

Hall, a lightweight (under 56kg), the same category as Fairbrother, comes from Llangeinor, near Bridgend, and is married to Philip Hall, another blind judo fighter. The pair travel round South Wales searching for suitable opposition. The problem is getting to clubs because neither of them can drive. They go everywhere by bus.

"Some sighted people practise with blind people by just moving round the mat. So we go to clubs where there is no mollycoddling. At Maesteg [her main club], if you want a fight, then you get a fight. They are not bothered that you cannot see. They treat you as an ordinary person," she said.

She not only practises with sighted people, but competes with them, entering regional and Welsh open championships. Apart from being sporting enough not to dive at her legs, opponents treat Hall like any competitor. Often they are surprised at her tenacity and innate sense of movement.

Some react by attempting an unorthodox grip and moving their arms about so they can get the most suitable hold. However, once settled, the blind person has a chance. "It is a question of touch. You learn how an opponent moves their body and where it is going to be."

Most blind fighters, like Hall, excel at close-quarter techniques, where the body contact is closest and they can wheel an opponent to the mat over their hips. Often their counters are sudden and violent.

Hall, 22, took up judo seven years ago so she could practise with her fully-sighted brother, Carl. Their father was not enthusiastic until she displayed a remarkable aptitude for the sport. She developed this initially at the Bridgend Judokwai and susbsequently at the National College for the Blind, in Hereford, where she studied business and finance for four years.

She combines working at the Cardiff Institute for the Blind with training for judo: four practice sessions a week plus two or three nights working on her fitness — weight-training, static bicycling and exercising on a running machine.

Women's judo had to wait 28 years before it followed the men's events on the Olympic programme. Blind women hope they will not have to wait as long to be part of the Paralaympic programme.

Hall said the British message of recognition was unambiguous. When the mixed team travel abroad in future, they will say: "Here are our blind women competitors. Where are yours?"

Charity to run golf marathon as fund raiser

THE TIMES Mees Pierson Corporate Golf Challenge

Mel Webb discovers ambitious early-bird golfers with a mission

The vast majority of players who will appear in *The Times*/MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge this year will consider they will have done pretty well if they turn in a decent score for 18 holes. When one group troop off the 18th green in June however, it will be before breakfast time and they will have another 54 holes to go.

Shaftesbury Homes, the charity that looks after homeless and disadvantaged youngsters, is staging a 72-hole marathon on June 20 that it is calling its Longest Day Challenge. The organisers have chosen the longest day of the year and they will probably need every minute of daylight they can get. The world record, incidentally, is 401 holes in a day — 72 holes for that hardiest of individuals, the British golfer, should be a piece of cake.

Alexander Kilgour, the appeals director of the charity, is taking the competition to Royal Mid-Surrey, his home course, and, as well as the serious but enjoyable side of the day — he aims to beat the £6,000 that was raised in sponsorship at the inaugural competition last year — he has also registered the competition for the challenge.

"It was something extra to put into the day," he said. "We felt that as well as the charity aspect, which naturally is very important to us, we also wanted to give the day an added competitive edge. We read of the Corporate Golf Challenge in the supplement the paper put out to coincide with the launch and felt that it fitted in perfectly with the aims and objects of our day. The players we have spoken to are already looking forward to the day and we hope we can give them something back for the tremendous effort they are making on our behalf."

Kilgour's plan, which involves a logistical exercise of some complexity, is that the 27 competitors will step on to the tee at 4.15am and they will play 18 holes from a shotgun start on the outer course. A hearty breakfast will follow — and Royal Mid-Surrey breakfasts are an event in themselves — and they will then embark on another 18 on the outer.

A light lunch will be followed by a round on the inner course and the golfing day finishes with another circuit of the inner, preceded by the second assault on the competitors' digestive systems with a spread that elevates the quintessentially English repast of high tea to new heights — last year a fish and chips spread of epic proportions awaited the by-now slightly flagging field. At Royal Mid-Surrey, they have got the task of feeding the inner man down to a fine art.

"We are looking forward to the day," Kilgour said. "It was a great success last year, when we limited the field to 21, but this year we have put two more three-balls in and reckon we've got a sporting chance of getting them all round four times if the weather is kind to us."

The Shaftesbury day is one of the more unusual to reach the challenge offices so far, but the response from the British business world has been magnificent.

With February only just out, already there have been more than 200 registrations, which means that, even at this early stage, almost as many players have been entered for the challenge as played in the whole of the inaugural year of the competition in 1993, which was itself rightly regarded as a great success.

The challenge is easy to enter. All that is asked of the organisers of golf days is that they register with the competition, the fee for which is unchanged from last year at £150. They then go ahead and hold their golf day, which should include an 18-hole Stableford off ⅞ handicap, with a handicap limit of 24 for men and 30 for women, which the players should be able to support with a handicap certificate.

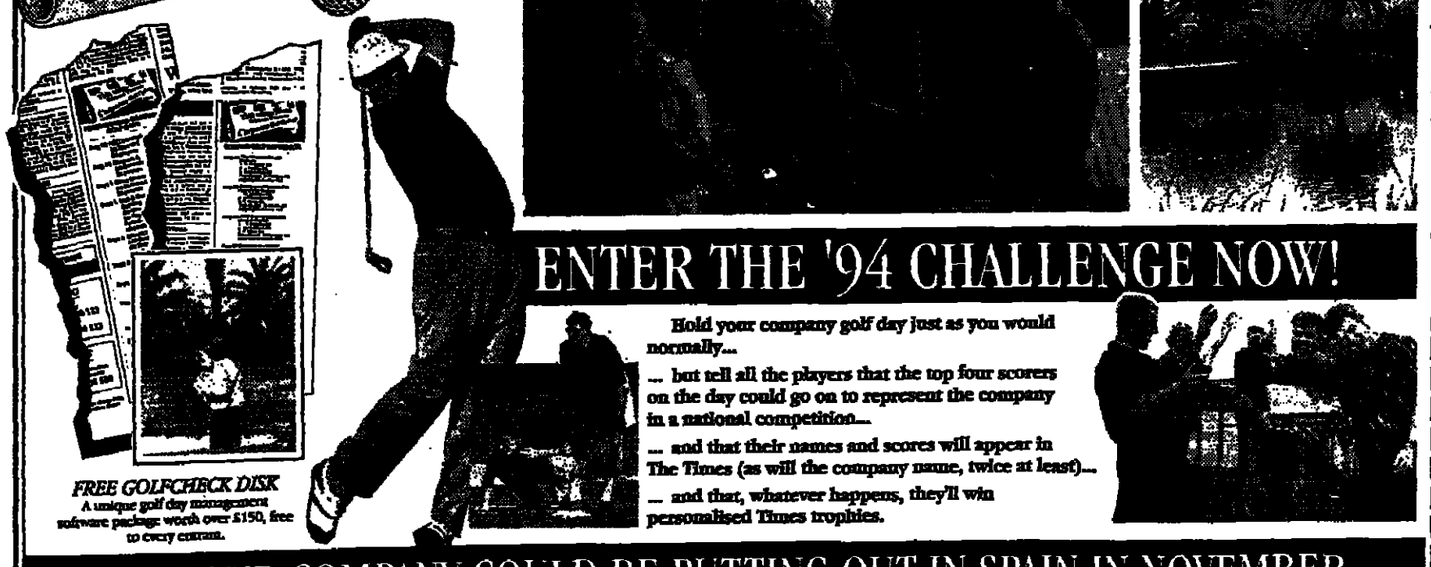
The leading 25 teams in each of seven regions of the United Kingdom will play in regional finals at courses of the highest quality in England, Scotland and Wales in October. The seven winners there will contest the national final, which is to be held over 36 holes on the South course at the Hyatt La Manga Club Resort at the end of November.

Hyatt are one of a select band of official suppliers to the challenge and they will be putting the finalists up in their five-star Hotel Principe Felipe at the resort. Other official suppliers include Lyle and Scott, the leading sports and leisure knitwear firm, who will be kitting out regional and national finalists, Viva Air, the leisure arm of the Iberia Group, the Spanish national airline, who will be flying the national finalists to Spain, Olivetti, world leaders in information technology, who will be suppling computer services to the competition, and Golf Monthly, one of Europe's biggest-selling golf magazines, who will be complementing regular coverage in *The Times* with articles and features of their own as the season progresses, are also official suppliers.

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North Londoners hold advantage after sterile encounter

Arsenal favourites to complete task

Torino 0
Arsenal 0

FROM ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT
IN TURIN

ARSENAL achieved precisely what they set out to do here last night, neither bowing to the Italians nor fashioning much ambition of their own, save to bring Torino back to London and to prolong at least through the second leg of the European Cup Winners' Cup quarter-final a presence of English, nay British, football in European competition.

The Arsenal manager, George Graham, who has never been one to tolerate our demands for adventure and entertainment, was in seventh heaven. Between them, the sides mustered and squandered one headed chance apiece in the first half. In the second? Even more sterility, lasting until the ninetieth minute when Marco Sinagaglia, a substitute, almost brought delirium for the Italians and palpitations for the English by daring to aim goalwards and to miss the target by scarcely 12 inches.

It is possible to think of dire excuses for Torino. Not only are allegations that the club attempted to bribe referees coming home to roost, and not only have they been forced to sell off their players like heirlooms in a bankrupt family, but the remaining players learnt one hour before kick-off that their acting club president, Luigi Giribaldi, had defected, knowing that the 50 billion lira (£25 million) debts are too deep for this retired businessman.

There is loose talk of Sergio Calleri, the former Lazio president, picking up the fallen club, but many say he will wait to see if Uefa bans Torino from Europe and wait until the former Italian giant club is going for less than a song.

And yet there was a small triumph, a shared joy in the Stadio Delle Alpi. It was that, so far as one could see, the Arsenal supporters could come and be greeted in friendship, only the second presence of English football supporters in this city since the dreadful Heysel Stadium tragedy of 1985 in which 39 Juventus supporters were killed as a consequence of misbehaving Liverpool supporters.

The highly-organised tedium of last night was perhaps a triumph for the two managers and it was one we fully expected after Arsenal did not dare to risk the dodgy hamstring of Ian Wright, who scores 40 per cent of their goals, and Emiliano Mondonica, the Torino coach, decided that the sorcery of little Carbone was too frail for all but the final 23 minutes.

Yet the game had begun ominously for Arsenal. Graham had stationed Campbell wide on the right, but otherwise paid no extra heed to the danger of Jarni getting at Dixon, a Croatian with a most cultured left foot. Jarni had played for Red Star Belgrade when the Serbs and Croats could enjoy brotherhood. Now, in exile, he was known to be the most creative source of Torino counter-attacks.

In the seventh minute, quicker to the ball than Dixon, his instinctive shot finished a foot wide. Three minutes later, when a measured pass by Francescoli had put Jarni again beyond Dixon, Adams, the captain, stode manfully across to block.

There were blockages all around. Jensen was sitting comfortably on the Torino playmaker, Venturin, stifling any creativity from that man. Hillier was policing the ground in front of Arsenal's back four and slowly the English side realised that, if they could step up the tempo, the lack of confidence in the Turin side might be breakable.

Merson, wandering in from his position on the left of midfield, switched flanks and deceived Galli, Italy's 1986 World Cup goalkeeper, but when he failed to hold the ball Smith was too tightly marked by Gregucci to capitalise.

The two chances that this first half was to yield came after 30 and 42 minutes. Arsenal's followed one of a succession of corners, Davis chipped the ball accurately in, and Campbell glanced his header smartly down.

Two elements of English directness were thus effectively executed, but the required finishing touch fell to Adams and he, lunging off balance, miscued his header from eight yards.

Torino's response also came in the air. Jarni, once again proving the inspiration, crossed from the left wing, Adams and Bould were preoccupied marking Silenzi and Francescoli, but Fortunato, seeking and finding the space, connected fully with his head, but did not even trouble Seaman with a header woefully wide.

After that the teams took fright. Torino, lacking ambition, finally brought on Carbone, but his quickness, his movements like a lizard darting between rocks, flattered and flickered only briefly.

It was, however, a foul on him by Adams that fashioned the last-minute scare. The free kick ten yards outside the area, and in a central position, was charged down, but Sinigaglia managed to turn away from Dixon and, contriving a volley almost from shoulder height, looped the ball just over the bar. The final act, better and closer than all the boredom that preceded it.

ROSS KINNAIRD



Campbell, centre, and Smith, the Arsenal forwards, in aerial combat with the Torino defender, Sottil

TORINO (3-5-2): G Galli — A Gregucci, L Fusi, A Sottil (sub: R Sinigaglia, 81min) — R Mussi, S Cois, D Fortunato, G Venturin, R Jarni — A Silenzi (sub: B Carbone, 68), E Francescoli.
ARSENAL (4-5-1): D Seaman — L Dixon, A Adams, S Bould, N Winterburn — K Campbell, J Jensen, D Hillier, P Davis (sub: I Selley, 83), P Merson — A Smith.
Referee: J Quiniou (France).

Below-par Courier proves no match for Rafter

PATRICK Rafter, who is ranked No 49 in the world, again demonstrated his ability to cause an upset when he knocked out Jim Courier, the world No 3, in the second round of the Champions' Cup in Indian Wells, California, on Tuesday.

Courier, seeded second, forced a tie-break in the first set, which he lost 7-2, but went out quietly in the second set. "He played good and I didn't," Courier, twice the winner of this tournament, said. "He served very well and I wasn't able to get my returns going. He has a big game and can challenge anybody on any given day."

Rafter, who turned professional in 1991, has moved from No 301 at the end of 1992 to No 49. Last summer, he beat Pete Sampras, the world No 1.

"I served very well and I put a lot of pressure on him," Rafter said. "After the first set, I just sort of ran away. I feel more confident now, more comfortable. I think he may have been flat and that gave me a lot of confidence. He is a great player, but he obviously wasn't playing well."

In other second-round matches, Sampras, the top seed, overpowered Emilio Sánchez, of Spain, 6-1, 6-1 and Todd Martin eliminated Marcos Ondruska, of South Africa, 6-0, 4-6, 6-1. Alexander Volkov, of Russia, beat Jim Grabb, 6-4, 6-4.

Sánchez recalled beating Sampras in this tournament several years ago: "I told my coach 'This kid is going to be really good'. Now, we play again and he destroyed me," Sánchez said. "He's obviously improved since the last time we played."

Andre Agassi, playing only his second tournament since undergoing surgery on his right wrist in December, beat Richey Reneberg 6-3, 6-3 in a first-round match. Agassi won the Nuveen Championships at Scottsdale, Arizona, at the weekend, his first tournament in five months.

In Florida, Steffi Graf came close to losing her first set of the year but pulled off a 6-0, 7-5 second-round victory over Marianne Werdel in the Virginia Slims of Florida tournament at Delray Beach.

Graf, winner of this event four times, has now won 22 consecutive matches, her last defeat being to Conchita Martinez, of Spain, in the final of the Virginia Slims of Philadelphia tournament in November. Werdel, the world No 48, took a 4-1 lead in the second set but was unable to withstand the German's powerful fight-back.

Gabriela Sabatini, of Argentina, the third seed and three times the winner of this event, gained a 6-4 6-2 victory over Elena Savoldi, of Italy. Sabatini, without a tournament victory since the Italian Open 22 months ago, is optimistic she can end Graf's run and has an 8-2 career advantage over the German in Florida: "If there's one place I feel confident, it's here," Sabatini said.

Padfield caps off fightback with goal for victory

Cambridge University 3
East Anglians 2

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY fought back twice to defeat East Anglians in an exciting encounter at Coldhams Common yesterday. East Anglians, composed mainly of second division players from the national league, played better hockey but lacked the finishing touch.

After squandering a couple of early chances, East Anglians went ahead in the twentieth minute from a move through the middle initiated by Law and completed by Grant. Nine minutes later, Ashworth, a substitute forward, sent Bolgar through to equalise for Cambridge.

East Anglians missed a chance early in the second half, with Robson steering his shot wide of the target from a short corner. Halfway through this period, Dye took advantage of a misunderstanding in the Cambridge defence to restore the lead for East Anglians. The advantage, however, was short-lived, as Stevens scored for Cambridge within a minute after Ashworth had made the running.

East Anglians then doubled their efforts, but could not break down the Cambridge defence, in which McCarthy and Padfield stood firm. Padfield scored the decisive goal with a well-placed scoop from a short corner five minutes before the end.

It was a heartening result for Cambridge six days before the annual match at Reading against Oxford.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: D Lynch (Friends' School, Lisburn, and Caius), * J Scott (Wellington College and Homerton), D Padfield (Dean Close School and Caius), * A Walther (Hohe Landesschule and Trinity), * R Cake (KGS Wimbledon and St John's), * T McCarthy (Simon Langton Boys' School and St John's), * C Carter (RGS High Wycombe and Girton), * J Foley (Hitchin Boys' School and St John's), R Stevens (St Cyres School and Hughes Hall), * M Carver (King Edward VI Southampton and Corpus Christi, captain), D Bolgar (Bedford School and Homerton). Substitutes: W Ashworth (Radley and Emmanuel), C Lawrence (Magdalen School, Oxford and Peterhouse).
EAST ANGLIANS: P Dyer (Cambridge City); C Riley (Cambridge City), M Spray (Richmond), S Brown (Wisbech), M Mitcham (Cambridge City), P Robson (St Albans), A Law (Bluefriars), J Grant (Cambridge City), B Ellison (St Albans), A Catchpole (Harleston Magpies), J Dye (Colchester).
Umpires: F Lockhart and M Hudson (Eastern Counties)

☐ Robert Hill, who was Britain's top scorer at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona with six goals, has announced his retirement from the first-class game. Hill will play his last game on Sunday in a match which his club, Havant, hope will secure the national league title.

Hill, a Somerset farmer, who withdrew from the Great Britain squad for the champions trophy in Pakistan later this month, said: "I can't give the time any more to play national, league or international hockey.

"I've had a marvellous run internationally and domestically have won both the league and the cup with Havant. If I can go out at the weekend with a third title, it would be absolutely marvellous."

Sullivan accepts decision

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

BIRMINGHAM City have decided not to appeal against the record fine imposed by a Football League Commission for allegedly "poaching" their manager, Barry Fry, from Southend United. Birmingham were fined £55,000 and also ordered to pay Southend £75,000 in compensation.

David Sullivan, the Birmingham owner, said yesterday: "We still think it's harsh, but we have to take it on the chin. We need to now channel our efforts into avoiding relegation."

Paul Warhurst is close to returning to the Blackburn Rovers team after five months out with a broken leg. The defender-turned-forward completed the first of three reserve matches this week.

Three Portsmouth players — Mark Stimson, Guy Butters and Darryl Powell — have each been fined £400 by the Football Association after being charged with bringing the game into disrepute. They were reported to the FA after continuing their protests about Derby County's late winner at the Baseball Ground after the final whistle on January 15.

Garry Flitcroft, Manchester City's young midfield player, has injured an ankle and could be out for about a month. Brian Horton, the City manager, has already ruled him out of the match at Queens Park Rangers on Saturday.

Jim Duffy, the Dundee player-manager, was taken to hospital on Tuesday needing 20 stitches after being involved in a car crash on the road between Perth and Dundee. Although Duffy's Ford Sierra was a write-off, he is expected to be back at work today.

Uefa may fight Havelange

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

EUROPEAN football officials last night threatened to oppose the campaign of João Havelange for the presidency of the world governing body, Fifa. The 78-year-old Brazilian has held the powerful position since succeeding Sir Stanley Rous two decades ago and is trying to win re-election for a sixth successive four-year term at the congress during the World Cup finals in June.

Havelange claims to have the support of five confederations and the backing of his general secretary, Joseph Blatter, who had been urged to stand in opposition. Blatter, however, is thought to have had a blunt meeting with Havelange in Zurich recently and now the hierarchy of Uefa, European football's governing body, meeting in Holland, has expressed concern about an alleged conflict.

A statement confirmed: "Uefa is no longer willing to follow the malicious campaign, which is currently being staged in the press, without taking its own action.

"Uefa will therefore be holding talks with the presidents of the other continental confederations and with Havelange himself to clarify the situation, which has become unacceptable for football as a whole. The outcome of these discussions will then determine whether Uefa puts forward its own candidate for election."

☐ Spartak Moscow drew 2-2 with Barcelona after scoring twice in the last 13 minutes in Moscow last night. Stoichkov and Romario scored simple goals to put Barcelona 2-0 ahead but the Russians hit back when Zubizarreta fumbled a cross and Rodionov, the substitute, scored. Two minutes from time, Karpin lashed in a firm shot from the edge of the area.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Atlanta 102 Minnesota 99; Indiana 106 Portland 94; New Jersey 108 Detroit 98; Philadelphia 103 Washington 109; Houston 97 Orlando 85; Milwaukee 102 Miami 110; Seattle 112 Charlotte 96; Golden State 114 Los Angeles Clippers 109; Sacramento 88 New York 100

ATHLETICS

KARLSRUHE, Germany: Indoor meeting: Men: 60m: 1, L Christie (GB) 6.48sec (European indoor record); 2, B Surin (Can) 6.50; 3, R Stewart (Jam) 6.60. 400m: 1, R Leder (Ger) 46.69sec; 2, W Graham (Jam) 46.94; 3, J Carlowitz (Ger) 47.04. 800m: 1, P Ereng (Ken) 1min 48.19sec; 2, N Motchebon (Ger) 1.46.83; 3, R van Helden (Holl) 1.46.91. 60m hurdles: 1, M McKay (Can) 7.52; 2, M Fenner (Ger) 7.68; 3, I Hunaksa (Cz Rep) 7.70. Pole vault: 1, T Kemp (Bah) 2.31m; 2, R Senn (Ger) 2.29; 3, J-C Goquel (Fr) 2.24. Women: 60m: 1, M Otley (Jam) 7.11sec; 2, J Cuthbert (Jam) 7.15; 3, B Zipp (Ger) 7.33. 800m: 1, E Kovacs (Rom) 1min 59.66sec; 2, M Constantin (Rom) 2.01.14; 3, M Rydz (Pol) 2.02.23. Pole vault: 1, N Reger (Ger) 4.06m; 2, S Cayun (China) 4.08; 3, C Weyan (China) 3.85. Long jump: 1, H Drechsler (Ger) 7.06m; 2, L Bevenshaya (Ukr) 6.62; 3, L Nanova (Austria) 6.61.

BOWLS

PRESTON: Churchill Insurance world indoor championship: Singles: Quarter-finals: W Wood (Scot) bt D Hendry (Scot) 7-4, 7-5, 3-7, 7-6; A Thomson (Eng) bt W Wood (Scot) 7-0, 7-3, 5-7, 6-7, 7-4.

BOXING

TOKYO: WBA super-bantamweight championship: Wilfredo Vasquez (P Rico, holder) ko Yuichi Kasai (Japan) 1st rnd.
DUDLEY: Middleweight (10 rnds): R Woodhall (Telford) bt H Todd (US) rsc 7th. Light-welter (8 rnds): D Lovell (Birmingham) bt M McGrath (Lincoln) rsc 5th. (6 rnds): S Cogan (Birmingham) bt K Taylor (Birmingham) pts. (6 rnds). G Hiscox (Dudley) bt G Cogan (Birmingham) pts. Super-middle (8 rnds): J Calzaghe (Newbridge) bt D Littlewood (Sheffield) rsc 1st. Feather (6 rnds): M Chestnut (Dudley) bt C Lyons (Birmingham) pts.

CRESTA RUN

LIGHTNING CUP (all Switzerland): 1, M Molcher 143.50sec; 2, W Hegmann 143.61; 3, M Biancotti 145.60. British placing: 7, A Shepherd.

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE: Quarter-finals: Group A: Spartak Moscow 2 Barcelona 2.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Postponed: Luton v Brighton. Second division: Cardiff 2 Plymouth 2.
BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Group A: Postponed: Cork City v Shelbourne.
FAI HARP LAGER CUP: Second round: Postponed: Monaghan Utd v Finn Harps.
Late results on Tuesday
EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Quarter-final, first leg: Benfica 1 Bayer Leverkusen (Ger) 1.
UEFA CUP: Quarter-finals, first leg: Borussia Dortmund 1 Internazionale 3, Cagliari 1 Juventus 0.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Havant v Newport IoW (7.30).
DIADORA LEAGUE: Carlsberg Trophy: Third round: Hemel Hempstead v Chesham (7.30). Newbury v Hampton (7.30).
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Cup: Second round replay: Great Harwood v Horwich (7.30).
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Aston Villa v Bolton; Wolverhampton v Leeds. Second division: Mansfield v Tranmere.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Crystal Palace v Bristol Rovers (2.0); Luton v Brighton (at Boreham wood, 2.0).
FAI HARP LAGER CUP: Second round: Dundalk v Bohemians (8.0). Postponed: Glebe North v Home Farm.

OTHER SPORTS
BASKETBALL: Budweiser League (8.0): Birmingham v Hemel Hempstead; Derby v Thames Valley.
BOWLS: World indoor championships (Preston Guildhall).
TENNIS: LTA men's satellite tournament (Croydon).

GOLF

CLUB MATCHES: Cambridge University lost to Walton Heath 11½-6½; lost to Wentworth 9½-8½; bt Beaconsfield 11½-6½; bt The Addington 10-8.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Detroit 5 Calgary 2; New York Islanders 4 St Louis 2; Washington 3 Tampa Bay 4; Vancouver 4 Edmonton 7.

LACROSSE

MILTON KEYNES: Delight national schools tournament: Benenden Cup (seniors). Semi-finals: Queen Margaret's, York 2 Moreton Hall 3; Malvern Girls College 1 Lady Eleanor Holles 2 (aet). Final: Lady Eleanor Holles 4 Moreton Hall 1. Len Smith Cup (juniors): Semi-finals: Downehouse, Newbury 8 Queen Margaret's, York 1; Moreton Hall 3 Guildford HS 4. Final: Downehouse 4 Guildford HS 2.

MOTOR RALLYING

LURLHAS, Portugal: Portuguese rally: Leading positions (after 15 special stages): 1, J Kankkunen (Fin, Toyota Celica) 2hr 11min 25sec; 2, M Biasion (It, Ford Escort), 5sec behind; 3, D Auriol (Fr, Toyota), at 35sec; 4, C Sainz (Sp, Subaru Impreza) 56; 5, C McRae (GB, Subaru Impreza) at 1:43.

REAL TENNIS

HOBART: Qantas world championship: First leg (best of 13 sets): R Fahey (Aus) leads W Dawes (Aus) 4-0 (6-0, 6-5, 6-3, 6-2).

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Cross Keys 26 Tredegar 17; Pontypridd 48 Mountain Ash 3; Clifton 12 Bristol 30; Brixham 30 Exeter University 8; Metropolitan Police 10 Army 49; Cambridge University 22 Anti-Assassins 19; Middlesex Clubs 90 United Banks 0.
POLICE CUP: Semi-final: South Wales 23 Lancashire 7.

SQUASH

NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division north: Mitsubishi Potters Bar 3 Keyline Barnham Broom 2; Patrick West Warwickshire 3 Reebok Nottingham 2.

TENNIS

GROYDON: LTA men's indoor satellite tournament: Quarter-finals: M Barnard (SA) bt S Hardcica (US) 6-1, 6-7, 6-3; T Henman (GB) bt B Gyetko (Can) 6-3, 6-7, 7-5; E Ferrera (SA) bt J Krosiak (Slovakia) 6-2, 6-4; M Menaschinchel (It) bt L Marter (Switz) 6-3, 7-6. Doubles: Semi-finals: H Johns (SA) and M Shyjan (US) bt K Evernden (NZ) and Ferreira 4-6, 7-5, 7-6; B Cowans and A Richardson (GB) bt P Hand and R Matheson (GB) 7-6, 6-3.
DELRAY BEACH, Florida: Women's tournament: First round: P Hy (Can) bt C Cristea (Rom) 6-1, 6-1; S Rotter (Holl) bt K Rinaldi (US) 6-0, 4-6, 6-4; S Stafford (US) bt L Schaerer (Per) 4-6, 6-0, 6-1; J Watanabe (US) bt P Suarez (Arg) 4-1, 7-6; B Rainsdaler (Austria) bt M Kochta (Ger) 7-5, 4-6, 7-6, J Halard (Fr) bt R Simpson (Can) 1-6, 6-2, 7-6; M Oremans (Holl) bt R Tedjakusuma (Indo) 6-7, 6-4, 6-2; D van Rensburg (SA) bt R Midelfer (SA) 6-3, 6-3; C Rubin (US) bt I Majoli (Cro) 6-0, 6-0; L Raymond (US) bt L Golarsa (It) 7-6, 6-1; A Vento (Wen) bt R Grande (It) 4-6, 6-0, 6-3. Second round: L McNeil (US) bt L Neiland (Lat) 7-5, 6-2; G Sabatini (Arg) bt E Savoldi (It) 6-4, 6-2; S Graf (Ger) bt M Werdel (US) 6-0, 7-5, J Wiesner (Austria) bt C Kuhlman (US) 6-2, ret, N Medvedeva (Ukr) bt S Farina (It) 6-3, 6-3, E Likhovtseva (Kaz) bt Y Basuki (Indo) 6-3, 6-1.
COPENHAGEN: Men's tournament: First round: A Olhovskiy (Russ) bt P Lundgren (Swe) 7-5, 6-3; J Bjorckman (Swe) bt F Fetterlein (Den) 6-2, 7-6; K Carlsen (Den) bt O Camporese (It) 7-5, 6-3; A Jarryd (Swe) bt J Svensson (Swe) 6-3, 6-1; M Gustafsson (Swe) bt C Bergstrom (Swe), 6-2, 5-7, 6-4. Second round: Olhovskiy bt P Korzeng (Ger) 7-6, 1-6, 6-3; P Baur (Ger) bt G Raoux (Fr) 7-6, 6-3.
INDIAN WELLS, California: Men's tournament: First round: D Cahill (Aus) bt O Delaitre (Fr) 5-1, ret; M Washington (US) bt D Nainkin (SA) 6-4, 6-0; M Gotfrier (Ger) bt B Gilbert (US) 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; M Rosset (Switz) bt G Schaller (Austria) 3-6, 6-2, 6-2; A Gaudenzi (It) bt G Ruseckin (Can) 2-6, 6-4, 7-6; A Agassi (US) bt R Reneberg (US) 6-3 6-3; W Ferreira (SA) bt K Brasach (Ger) 6-7, 6-4, 7-6; P Korda (Cz) bt M Woodforde (Aus) 7-5, 6-1. Second round: P Rafter (Aus) bt J Courier (US) 7-6, 6-2; A Volkov (Russ) bt J Grabb (US) 6-4, 6-4; T Martin (US) bt M Ondruska (SA) 6-0, 4-6, 6-1; P Sampras (US) bt E Sánchez (Sp) 6-1, 6-1.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
ANDORRA								
Soldeu	130	220	good	varied	icy	fine	4	20/2
(Excellent skiing with all pistes open)								
AUSTRIA								
Kitzbühel	40	140	fair	heavy	slush	fair	6	2/3
(Fresh snow overnight above 1,000 metres, rain below)								
Obergurgl	120	170	good	powder	good	fine	-1	1/3
(Excellent powder skiing after fresh snow)								
St Anton	50	280	good	varied	fair	fair	4	1/3
(Upper lifts late opening due to avalanche blasting)								
FRANCE								
Alpe d'Huez	155	290	fair	varied	fair	fine	1	1/3
(Good skiing above Oz station)								
Flaine	105	315	good	heavy	slush	fair	2	1/3
(Good skiing, Gers open at last)								
S Chevalier	50	175	good	varied	slush	fair	9	28/2
(All pistes well covered but best on upper runs)								
Val d'Isère	130	365	good	powder	fair	cloud	-5	1/3
(Good powder skiing first thing)								
Val Thorens	140	300	good	varied	good	fine	4	1/3
(Excellent skiing on upper pistes)								
SWITZERLAND								
Arosa	110	110	good	powder	good	fine	0	2/3
(Excellent skiing with fresh snow)								
Mürren	55	160	fair	varied	fair	snow	0	2/3
(Poor visibility and light snowfalls)								
Villars	30	180	good	heavy	worn	fair	4	1/3
(Upper pistes in good condition)								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

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Padfield caps off fightback with goal for victory

Manntari heads four entries for British classics

Aga Khan paves way to end boycott in Britain

By Julian Muscat

THE Aga Khan yesterday entered horses in the British classics for the first time since he announced his withdrawal from British racing in December 1990. The move inevitably renewed speculation that he is ready to end the boycott he enforced on the disqualification of Aliysa from the 1989 Oaks.

Manntari, the Aga Khan's unbeaten three-year-old colt who is favourite for the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket on April 30, is his owner's sole entry in that race. He has also nominated Alaliya for the Oaks, but more interesting are the second-stage entries made for Cajarian and Akhiyar, at £10,000 each, in respect of the Derby.

A prepared statement from John Oxx, who trains the four horses at the Curragh in Ireland, was couched in language designed to dampen the growing feeling in racing circles that the Aga Khan now stands on the point of returning to the racing scene in Britain.

It said that, while Oxx had the Aga Khan's consent to make these entries, he wished to make it clear the horses "would not run unless the owner was satisfied that acceptable steps were being taken by the competent British authorities to address the criticisms which the Aga Khan had made of the management of science and the related judicial procedures which had resulted in the disqualification of Aliysa from her victory in the 1989 Epsom Oaks."

Oxx also emphasised that no discussions between the Jockey Club and the Aga Khan had taken place, and that the classic entries did not preclude a satisfactory outcome to any talks. As yet, no such discussions have taken place; neither have they been arranged.



Aga has four Irish-trained horses entered in our classics

However, the tone of the text clearly hints at a conciliatory mood from within the Aga Khan's camp, as evidenced by the reference to the British authorities, essentially the Jockey Club, as a "competent" authority. Christopher Foster, secretary to the Jockey Club, yesterday described the developments as "good news for British racing and sure to be welcomed by the industry."

The communique from Oxx, which is certain to have been authorised by the Aga Khan, is the first since a report from the European Horserace Scientific Liaison Committee (EHSLC) was published last summer. The committee, on which Foster sits as chairman of the sample testing group, is working towards harmonising dope-testing procedures in Britain, Ireland and France.

Aliysa was disqualified from the 1989 Oaks after traces of 3-Hydroxycamphor, a metabolite of camphor, a prohibited substance, were found in her post-race urine sample. The Jockey Club's subsequent handling of the case, along with its relevant disciplinary procedures, were immediately condemned by the Aga Khan, who has horses in training in Ireland and France.

In principle, a uniform procedure among the three countries for dealing with positive samples should pave the way for the Aga Khan's return to racing in Britain. This harmonisation process has already been sanctioned by the Jockey Club stewards, and the Levy Board has agreed to make funds available for their implementation.

"It is fair to say that we always hoped the work of the EHSLC might prove a climate in which the Aga Khan would reconsider returning to Britain," Foster said yesterday. "We are ready to meet him. There is no obstacle from the Jockey Club's point of view."

Dunwoody elects not to appeal against costly ban

By Julian Muscat

RICHARD Dunwoody has decided not to appeal against the 14-day ban imposed on him by the Nottingham stewards on Tuesday. After studying a recording of the incident in the comfort of his home, the reigning champion jockey resigned himself to missing the three-day Cheltenham festival.

Dunwoody, partnering Raggerty, was found guilty of intentional interference when Mr Genealogy, ridden by Adrian Maguire, his rival in this year's jockeys' championship, collided with the running rail before the second-last hurdle in the Junior Selling Hurdle. The suspension, the longest available for dispension by the Nottingham stewards, will keep him off the track from March 10-23 inclusive.

This marked the first occasion Dunwoody has been deemed guilty of such a serious offence. He asked for time to consider the evidence for a possible appeal, but concluded in a prepared statement yesterday: "Having viewed the video of the race ans discussed the situation with Michael Caulfield [secretary to the Jockeys' Association] and other interested parties, I have decided not to appeal. I will accept the punishment but I'm obviously disappointed at not being able to honour my riding commitments for the Cheltenham festival."

Dunwoody will forfeit a clutch of fancied rides at Cheltenham, among them Granville Again in the Champion Hurdle and Chatam in the Gold Cup. Both horses are trained by Martin Pipe, who retains Dunwoody. A stable spokeswoman said yesterday: "We will use the best jockeys available."

Other lost rides includes Remittance Man in the Champion Chase. Remittance Man is trained by Nicky Henderson, who also has Travado, the regular mount of Jamie Osborne, engaged in the race. He said yesterday: "We made an arrangement that Jamie would ride Travado all season and that will still apply. But we still haven't finalised plans for Remittance Man."

The chances must be that Henderson's stable jockey, Mick Fitzgerald, will be called up. Fitzgerald has already schooled Remittance Man at home. As for Pipe, he regularly calls on the services of Mark Perrett and has an able second jockey in Jonothan Lower.

Pipe may well consider using the Irish champion jockey, Charlie Swan, who was on the short-list to replace Peter Scudamore when the latter retired as Pipe's stable jockey last year.

Dunwoody's ban is a major blow to his fierce ambitions for a second jockeys' championship. Presently locked in combat with Maguire — they had one winner apiece yesterday — he had steadily reduced a deficit of 42 winners to just five, but his enforced period of inaction prompted William Hill, the bookmakers, to drastically revise their championship odds. Maguire is now favoured at 5-2 on, while Dunwoody, previously odds-on, has drifted to 7-4.

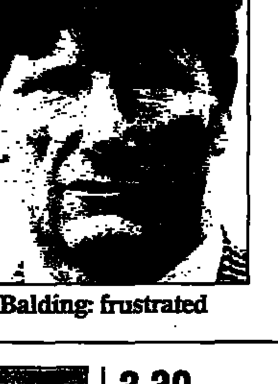
Spinning out of Champion

SPINNING was yesterday ruled out of the Champion Hurdle by his trainer, Ian Balding, who has been unable to give the horse an adequate preparation on account of the recent rains (Julian Muscat writes). The seven-year-old has in the past shown a marked preference for racing on top of the ground.

The Glint Of Gold gelding, winner of the valuable Swinton Handicap Hurdle on his last outing over hurdles, at Haydock in May last year, was a popular order to make a winning seasonal debut in the Champion. His price at the time of withdrawal was 12-1.

Balding's plans to run the horse earlier in the season were shelved when Spinning sustained a joint injury, which took time to heal. But while that has now settled down the prevailing ground conditions have forced the Kingsclere based trainer to abandon his Cheltenham objective.

Earlier this week, Balding entertained the prospect of giving Spinning a racecourse gallop with the Champion Hurdle in mind. The horse was lined up to work with Morley Street, trained by his brother, Toby, but he said yesterday: "Although the injury is much better, I have not been able to get him ready quickly enough because of the soft ground. However, I am hopeful we will be able to run at the Aintree Grand National meeting." The horse will embark on a Flat campaign after Aintree.



Balding: frustrated

Spinning's withdrawal prompted William Hill to shorten Large Action to 13-2 from 8-1. A six-year-old novice, Large Action has attracted persistent support since declared an intended runner by his trainer, Oliver Sherwood, on Sunday. He is third favourite behind Fortune And Fame at 11-4 and Oh So Risky at 7-2.

Halkopous, to be ridden by Declan Murphy, is an 8-1 chance.

WARWICK

THUNDERER
1.50 Deduce
2.20 Hidden Pleasure
2.50 Sovereign Niche
3.20 Cythere
3.50 Castigliero
4.20 Double Silk
4.50 Spread Your Wings
Brian Beel: 4.20 Double Silk

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT IN PLACES) SIS

1.50 WATERGALL MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,241: 2m 4f 110yd) (18 runners)

101 55 A N C EXPRESS 23 (ANC Owners Group) J King 6-11-7 J R Kavanagh 72
102 -20538 ATOURS 14 (B,G) (Lady C Dempster) C Brooks 6-11-7 G Bradley [illegible]
103 532/P CASTLE BANKS 14 (J Reade) R Phillips 10-11-7 G McCourt –
104 /RPF0- CHEQUE BOOK 272 (Mrs B Stokes) W Mann 6-11-7 Mr D Verco –
105 DFP- DALEHOUSE LANE 350 (G Farndon) B Cambidge 6-11-7 Gary Lyons –
106 4 DEDUCE 35 (BF) (Mrs P Sherwood) J White 5-11-7 N Williamson 84
107 00/421 FOULKSCOURT DUKE 126 (G) (S Salisbury) T Forster 6-11-7 W Marston –
108 000 PARAMOUNT 40 (V) (Queen Elizabeth) T Thomson Jones 5-11-7 S Smith Eccles –
109 5-0P RIFFLE 28 (Pall-mall Partners) J Gifford 7-11-7 D Murphy 50
110 100/3 SHEARMAC STEEL 131 (BF,G) (Shearmac Steel Ltd) P Hobbs 7-11-7 Peter Hobbs 73
111 340-0P SNOWSHILL SHAKER 117 (A Knight) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-7 D Bridgwater –
112 6-P0 TAKE CHANCES 23 (Mrs N Dutfield) Mrs P Dutfield 6-11-7 P Holley –
113 48 TIME WON'T WAIT 38 (Old Berks Partnership) R Phillips 5-11-7 J Railton 73
114 P TONGADIN 28 (Doe Park Partners) M Pipe 8-11-7 R Dunwoody –
115 400F VALIANTHE 78 (B) (M Pipe) M Pipe 6-11-7 M Foster 72
116 536-42 KNOCKAVERRY 19 (S) (Mrs W Morrell) M Wilkinson 5-11-2 P Ward (7) 85
117 23 BOZO BAILEY 15 (Professional Cricketers Racing Club) M Tompkins 4-10-12 R Campbell 72
118 FP242 EVE'S TREASURE 14 (N Dixon) S Campion 4-10-7 S Lyons (5) 81

BETTING: 3-1 Atours, 7-2 Deduce, 6-1 A N C Express, 7-1 Foulkscourt Duke, 8-1 Tongadin, 10-1 Bozo Bailey, 14-1 Eve's Treasure, Shearmac Steel, 16-1 Valianthe, 20-1 others.

1993: CASE HARDEN 6-11-7 R Dunwoody (7-2) N Henderson 23 ran

FORM FOCUS

A N C EXPRESS about 22¼l 5th of 20 to Cunninghams Ford in a novice hurdle over course and distance (soft) with TAKE CHANCES 30l 10th. ATOURS 3¾l 3rd of 5 to Aslan in a novice hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, soft). DEDUCE about 4¼l 4th of 18 to Fontanays in a novice hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, soft). FOULKSCOURT DUKE beat No Tag 3l in a 15-runner National Hunt Flat Race at Tipperary (2m, good to yielding). SHEARMAC STEEL 21½l 3rd of 17 to Corner Boy in a novice hurdle at Worcester (2m 5f 110yd, good to firm). TIME WON'T WAIT 14l 4th of 12 to Nirvana Prince in a novice hurdle at Ludlow (2m 5f 110yd, good to firm) on penultimate start. KNOCKAVERRY 7l 2nd of 15 to Callaodak in a novice hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, soft). BOZO BAILEY 8½l 3rd of 8 to Allegation in a novice hurdle at Southwell (AW, 2m 2f). EVE'S TREASURE 2½l 2nd of 8 to Marros Mill in a novice hurdle at Leicester (2m, heavy).
Selection: ATOURS

2.20 EASTGATE NOVICES CHASE (£3,571: 2m) (7 runners)

201 -12133 CASTLE DIAMOND 29 (C,F,S) (Mrs S Kavanagh) H Kavanagh 7-12-0 R Dunwoody [illegible]
202 0U2051 BEAUFAN 22 (G,S) (D Caddock) B Cambidge 7-11-2 Gary Lyons –
203 PPOPP2 DEEP IN GREEK 31 (R Matthews) D Williams 8-11-2 Mr G Hogan (7) 85
204 F00U-2 HIDDEN PLEASURE 87 (R Gelding) S Christian 6-11-2 G Upton 86
205 0134- LADY GHISLAINE 325 (S) (Mrs P White) J White 7-10-11 W McFarland –
206 6PP30P PALM SWIFT 14 (M Gomez) A Chamberlain 8-10-11 A Tory 57
207 620036 WINGED WHISPER 21 (K Tomlinson) J Pickering 5-10-8 N Williamson –

BETTING: 5-4 Hidden Pleasure, 2-1 Castle Diamond, 6-1 Beaufan, 10-1 Lady Ghislaine, 12-1 Deep In Greek, 20-1 Palm Swift, Winged Whisper.

1993: DIS TRAIN 9-11-2 J Osborne (5-4 fav) S Sherwood 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

CASTLE DIAMOND beat Ramster ½l in 16-runner novice chase here (2m 4f 110yd, heavy) with BEAUFAN (8lb better off) tailed-off 9th. BEAUFAN beat Bitran ½l in 13-runner selling handicap hurdle at Ludlow (2m, good to soft). DEEP IN GREEK 25l 2nd of 4 to Hops And Pops in novice chase at Plumpton (2m, good to soft). HIDDEN PLEASURE 2l 2nd of 8 to Good For A Loan in novice chase at Ludlow (2m, good to firm). LADY GHISLAINE beat Alosaili 3l in conditional jockeys selling hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, soft) last December.
Selection: CASTLE DIAMOND

2.50 EMSCOTT CLAIMING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,374: 2m) (7 runners)

301 -06312 GLOSSY 36 (D,G) (E Woolman Haulage Ltd) B McMahon 7-11-10 G Robertson (7) 80
302 P-4251 CHANDIGARH 14 (S) (M Broke) R Lee 6-11-9 P McLoughlin (7) [illegible]
303 -40314 COBB GATE 22 (B,D,G) (Red House Racing) B Stevens 6-11-6 M Stevens 90
304 024-00 CLOGHRAN LAD 7 (D,G,S) (D Waite) D Wintle 7-11-6 W Marston 90
305 0-0143 MORIARTY 13 (D,S) (Mrs K Oseman) R Price 7-10-13 L Wyer 93
306 506P-2 SOVEREIGN NICHE 14 (V,D,BF,G) (Avalon Surfacing Ltd) M Pipe 6-10-9 R Dunwoody 96
307 P-6P0P NOW BOARDING 165 (F Clegg) A Forte 7-10-0 Mr N Bradley (7) –

Long handicap: Now Boarding 9-6.

BETTING: 3-1 Chandigarh, Sovereign Niche, 4-1 Moriarty, 5-1 Cobb Gate, 6-1 Glossy, 8-1 Cloghran Lad, 20-1 Now Boarding.

1993: PLEASE PLEASE ME 5-10-6 A Maguire (4-1) K Cunningham-Brown 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

GLOSSY beat Celtic Bob head in a 7-runner conditional jockeys claiming hurdle at Southwell (AW, 2m 2f). CHANDIGARH beat SOVEREIGN NICHE (2lb better off) 3l in an 11-runner conditional jockeys selling handicap hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, good to soft). COBB GATE beat Mini Fete 1l in a 7-runner conditional jockeys selling hurdle at Ludlow (2m, good). MORIARTY beat Raggerty 10l in an 8-runner conditional jockeys selling handicap hurdle at Leicester (2m, heavy).
Selection: SOVEREIGN NICHE

3.20 CRUDWELL CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£4,923: 3m 5f) (8 runners)

401 6F0U-3 ROC DE PRINCE 23 (G,S) (Mrs D Thompson) M Pipe 11-11-7 R Dunwoody 84
402 F4U-0P DUNTREE 28 (B,G,S) (Mrs J Mould) D Nicholson 9-11-5 W Marston 87
403 P-32135 ALL JEFF 47 (F,G,S) (Lady Joseph) C Brooks 10-11-5 G Bradley 94
404 24U12- CAPTAIN FRISK 376 (S) (Mrs H Clarke) K Bailey 11-10-7 N Williamson 85
405 3P-02U GLENBROOK D'OR 5 (C,G,S) (T Leadbeater) A J Wilson 10-10-5 B Clifford 90
406 244053 WILLSFORD 19 (B,C,G,S) (A Napier) Mrs J Pitman 11-10-4 D Murphy [illegible]
407 232242 CYTHERE 26 (S) (K Carr) J Gifford 10-10-1 P Hide (3) 97
408 3253-5 ASKINFARNEY 93 (S) (A Cohen) J Upson 7-10-0 R Supple 82

Long handicap: Askinfarney 9-6.

BETTING: 3-1 All Jeff, 7-2 Cythere, 5-1 Captain Frisk, 11-2 Roc de Prince, 6-1 Glenbrook d'Or, 8-1 Willsford, 10-1 Askinfarney, 12-1 Duntree.

1993: BORACEVA 10-10-0 A Maguire (7-2) G Balding 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALL JEFF 10½l 5th of 9 to Moorcroft Boy in handicap chase over course and distance (heavy). Earlier beat Moorcroft Boy 2½l in 7-runner handicap chase at Haydock (4m 110yd, heavy). CAPTAIN FRISK 5l 2nd of 7 to Musthavesawing in handicap chase at Nottingham (3m 110yd, good) last season. GLENBROOK D'OR head 2nd of 9 to Superior Finish in handicap chase over course and distance (good to soft) on penultimate start with ROC DE PRINCE 12l 3rd. WILLSFORD 25½l 3rd of 5 to Sheer Ability in handicap chase at Uttoxeter (2m 7f, soft). CYTHERE 3½l 2nd of 7 to Just So in handicap chase at Chepstow (3m 5f 110yd, soft).
Selection: ALL JEFF

3.50 BLACKDOWN HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,525: 2m 4f 110yd) (5 runners)

501 313166 JEASSU 26 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs R Mills) A J Wilson 11-11-10 T Jenks (3) 94
502 11/3P3 CASTIGLIERO 30 (B,D,S) (J McCarthy) C Brooks 6-10-10 G Bradley [illegible]
503 66-250 WINNIE THE WITCH 19 (C,D,F,G,S) (P Racing) K Bridgwater 10-10-9 D Bridgwater 97
504 3/F0/2 SO PROUD 21 (BF,F,S) (Mrs R Cobbold) M Pipe 9-10-0 M Foster 95
505 135 SPRING MARATHON 65 (S) (Mrs N Dutfield) Mrs P Dutfield 4-10-0 P Holley 87

Long handicap: Spring Marathon 9-13.

BETTING: 2-1 So Proud, 3-1 Castigliero, Spring Marathon, 4-1 Jeassu, 12-1 Winnie The Witch.

1993: MUSICAL MONARCH 7-10-0 R Davis (7-2 fav) D Barons 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

JEASSU 9l 6th of 24 to Toogood To Be True in handicap hurdle on penultimate start over course and distance (heavy). CASTIGLIERO 10½l 3rd of 25 to Bollin Magdalene in handicap hurdle at Nottingham (2m 5f 110yd, soft). WINNIE THE WITCH 3½l 2nd of 5 to Arabian Bold in conditions hurdle here (2m, good) in November. SO PROUD 6l 2nd to Brambleberry in handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, soft). SPRING MARATHON beat Wings Cove 2½l in 9-runner novice hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 110yd, soft) in November.
Selection: SPRING MARATHON (nap)

4.20 TOWN OF WARWICK FOXHUNTERS TROPHY CHASE (Amateurs: £1,674: 3m 2f) (6 runners)

601 111-11 DOUBLE SILK 14 (CD,F,G,S) (R Wilkins) R Wilkins 10-12-9 R Treloggen (5) [illegible]
602 2611-1 MOUNT ARGUS 19 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs H Clarke) S Brookshaw 12-12-9 S Brookshaw (5) 86
603 02VP-R ROYLE SPEEDMASTER 33P (F,G) (D Griffith) J Deutsch 10-12-6 Julian Taylor (7) 84
604 444-25 ARCTIC TEAL 19 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs P Robeson) Mrs P Robeson 10-12-2 J Durkan (3) 80
605 /3222- ASHPIT 306P (F,G,S) (Mrs A Garton) A Garton 13-12-2 T Garton (7) –
606 32-532 SHIPMATE 12P (S) (Mrs E Linnell) G Tarry 12-12-2 Miss H Irving (7) –
☐ Form figures include point-to-points

BETTING: 4-11 Double Silk, 4-1 Mount Argus, 8-1 Royle Speedmaster, 16-1 Arctic Teal, 20-1 Ashpit, 25-1 Shipmate.

1993: DOUBLE SILK 9-12-4 R Treloggen (2-1 fav) R Wilkins 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

DOUBLE SILK beat Lor Moss 25l in 7-runner hunter chase at Sandown (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft). Previously beat Salcombe Harbour 25l in 9-runner hunter chase at Chepstow (3m, soft) on reappearance. MOUNT ARGUS beaten ¾l by Centre Attraction, promoted to first, in 13-runner hunter chase at Uttoxeter (2m 7f, soft) with ARCTIC TEAL (7lb better off) 12¾l 5th. ARCTIC TEAL 4l 2nd of 12 to Manor Mieo in confined at Cottenham (good to firm). ASHPIT 12l 2nd of 7 to Soldiers Duty in confined at Weston Park (firm) last season. SHIPMATE 8l 2nd of 4 to Maltby Boy in ladies open at Ampton (soft).
Selection: DOUBLE SILK

4.50 EDSTONE MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE (£2,255: 2m) (20 runners)

1 -32U31 SPREAD YOUR WINGS 12 (D,S) (T Whitley) D Gandolfo 6-11-7 J Railton [illegible]
2 0 ANNABEL'S BABY 161 (D Wintle) D Wintle 5-11-0 P McDermott –
3 0-0P ARLEY GALE 72 (R Bellamy) D McCain 6-11-0 G McCourt –
4 P0 BROUGHTON'S GOLD 21 (Broughton Thermal Insulation) W Musson 6-11-0 N Mann –
5 00-0 CELTIC EMERALD 75 (Mrs M Eckley) R Eckley 6-11-0 D Gallagher –
6 0 ELANDS CASTLE 12 (Mrs V Pharoah) M Wilkinson 6-11-0 P Ward (7) –
7 0004 FOXY LASS 30 (B Cambidge) B Cambidge 5-11-0 Mr J Cambidge –
8 P-0 LYCIAN MOON 7 (Western Solvents Ltd) A Foster 5-11-0 E Byrne –
9 08P- MARCONDA 372 (G Ham) G Ham 5-11-0 G Upton –
10 0-04032 MARINER'S AIR 6 (Mrs P Badger) J Spearing 7-11-0 N Williamson 86
11 OPALKINO 1252F (Phoenix Management Stoke on Trent Ltd) G Barnett 9-11-0 W Marston –
12 200/ RUNNING KISS 1126 (Miss N Parker) J White 9-11-0 W McFarland –
13 2 SAIL BY THE STARS 111 (T Nixon) T Forster 5-11-0 R Farrant (3) 82
14 P SAMJAMALIFRAN 14 (Miss A Farrant) M Pipe 5-11-0 L Reynolds (7) –
15 035 TENAYESTELIGN 35 (G King) D Marks 6-11-0 Peter Hobbs 86
16 00-006 THE QUAKER 29 (R Harder) R Harder 8-11-0 D Bridgwater 83
17 050-P UPTON LASS 30 (B) (L Kleiber) A Turnell 5-11-0 D Fortt (5) –
18 3413P LOVE YOU MADLY 14 (B,S) (Mrs A Farrant) M Pipe 4-10-13 M Foster 95
19 0U1 PRINCESS TATEUM 7 (D,G) (J Good) M Channon 4-10-13 Lorna Vincent 84
20 21324P VELVET HEART 37 (S) (F Cantle) Mrs A Knight 4-10-13 S Burrough 94

BETTING: 4-1 Spread Your Wings, 5-1 Love You Madly, 6-1 Sail By The Stars, 7-1 Princess Tateum, 8-1 Mariner's Air, Samjamalifran, 10-1 Tenayesteligh, 12-1 Velvet Heart, 14-1 others.

1993: LEMON'S MILL 4-10-13 P Scudamore (Evens) M Pipe 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

SPREAD YOUR WINGS beat No Pain No Gain 12l in 10-runner novice hurdle at Windsor (2m, soft). MARINER'S AIR 3l 2nd of 12 to Overlord in novice hurdle at Towcester (2m, heavy). SAIL BY THE STARS 1½l 2nd of 12 to Atla in novice hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good). TENAYESTELIGN about 4¾l 5th of 15 to Fontanays in a novice hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, soft). LOVE YOU MADLY 38l 3rd of 8 to Devils Den in novice hurdle at Chepstow (2m 110yd, soft) on penultimate start with VELVET HEART pulled up before 2 out. Previously beat VELVET HEART (7lb better off) head in 9-runner novice hurdle at Exeter (2m 2f, heavy). PRINCESS TATEUM beat Azaman 20l in 5-runner novice hurdle at Lingfield (AW, 2m).
Selection: VELVET HEART

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Tompkins	5	15	33.3	T Jenks	6	17	35.3
R Price	5	15	33.3	L Wyer	4	14	28.6
M Pipe	35	131	26.7	R Dunwoody	33	121	27.3
B McMahon	3	13	23.1	G McCourt	8	46	17.4
D Nicholson	21	94	22.3	N Mann	5	41	12.2
S Christian	6	29	20.7	S Smith Eccles	4	33	12.1

TAUNTON

THUNDERER
2.10 Marshall Sparks. 2.40 Forgetful. 3.10 Setter Country. 3.40 CHERYLS PET (nap). 4.10 Nearly Splendid. 4.40 Handy Lass.
Brian Beel: 4.10 Nearly Splendid

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT IN PLACES) SIS

2.10 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,348: 2m 3f 110yd) (9 runners)

1 0P BARON RUSH 23 W G Turner 6-11-0 Tracy Turner
2 P0- HOLD IM TIGHT 322 B Frost 6-11-0 J Frost
3 1-25 MARSHALL SPARKS 105 (BF,S) M Pipe 7-11-0 J Lower
4 0 VENN BOY 3 W G M Turner 5-11-0 T Murphy (7)
5 00- AMBER REALM 344 R Buckler 6-10-9 B Powell
6 6400 BRIDEPARK ROSE 29 M Muggeridge 6-10-9 M Ahern
7 /6-P5 GLADYS EMMANUEL 21 R Peacock 7-10-9 S Burrough
8 00P2 STORMY SUNSET 66 W Davies 7-10-9 Mr N Moore (7)
9 -224 TOO SHARP 59 Miss H Knight 6-10-9 J McCarthy (3)

11-8 Too Sharp, 9-4 Marshall Sparks, 4-1 Stormy Sunset, 8-1 Bridepark Rose, 14-1 Amber Realm, 20-1 Hold I'm Tight, 25-1 others.

2.40 CROCOMBE NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,770: 2m 1f) (14)

1 0P3P BALTIC EXCHANGE 43 (BF) M Pipe 5-11-0 J Lower
2 6-62 ERLEMO 14 (V) W Clay 5-11-0 Diane Clay
3 -000 MORDEN 7 R Hodges 5-11-0 W Irvine
4 3505 DANCING DANGER 39 R Frost 5-10-9 J Frost
5 3220 FORGETFUL 26F D Burchell 5-10-9 D J Burchell
6 5584 GROGFRYN 14 (B,D,G) C Popham 4-10-9 C Maude
7 0U LIZZIE DRIPPIN 78 M Usher 5-10-9 B Powell
8 320 MINI FETE 26 K Burke 5-10-9 S Earle
9 3236 STAR MOVER 14 W G M Turner 5-10-9 R Darke (7)
10 DOUBLE DEALING 77F A James 4-10-7 S McNeill
11 KNYAZ 40F L Cottrell 4-10-7 Mr L Jefford (7)
12 PARIS BY NIGHT 402F R Hodges 4-10-2 T Thompsons (7)
13 40 PATONG BEACH 19F M Muggeridge 4-10-2 M Ahern
14 PP SCOTTISH TEMPTRESS 76 Miss A Knight 4-10-2 S Burrough

3-1 Baltic Exchange, 4-1 Forgetful, 6-1 Erlemo, 7-1 Mini Fete, 8-1 Star Mover, 10-1 Grogfryn, Patong Beach, 12-1 others.

3.10 ORCHARD FM HANDICAP CHASE (£2,723: 2m 110yd) (8)

1 15-4 BROUGHTON MANOR 41 (C,D,F,G,S) Mrs J Retter 9-11-10 R Davis (3)
2 5P11 SAILORS LUCK 12 (D,G,S) P Murphy 9-11-9 E Murphy
3 24PU WHATEVER YOU LIKE 7 (D,G,S) P Nicholls 10-11-4 C Maude
4 F223 SETTER COUNTRY 13 (D,F,G,S) R Hodges 10-11-3 W Irvine
5 13U4 L'UOMO PIU 26 (D,F,G,S) A Barrow 10-10-3 S Earle
6 41-1 GALAGAMES 72 (D,G,S) R Buckler 7-10-0 B Powell
7 114P RATHER SHARP 31 (D,BF,S) C Popham 8-10-0 S McNeill
8 1-04 SWEET GEORGE 29 (F) D Burchell 7-10-0 D J Burchell

5-2 Sailors Luck, 7-2 Setter Country, 9-2 L'Uomo Piu, 6-1 Galagames, 7-1 Broughton Manor, 10-1 Rather Sharp, 12-1 Whatever You Like, 16-1 Sweet George.

3.40 BLACKDOWN HILLS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,945: 3m 110yd) (14)

1 1161 DERRYMOSS 27 (V,S) M Pipe 8-11-12 J Lower
2 0410 FATHER FORTUNE 12 (B,S) D Sherwood 6-11-1 J McCarthy (3)
3 4144 MOBILE MESSENGER 14 (CD,S) D Barons 6-11-0 Mr G Shenkin (7)
4 621P CHERYLS PET 26 (S) R Buckler 6-10-13 B Powell
5 P2F- LOWLANDS 489 Lady E Mays-Smith 8-10-11 R Guest
6 3464 SUASANAN SIOSANA 66 (S) J Upson 9-10-4 J James (7)
7 60F6 MAHATMACOAT 14 Mrs J Retter 7-10-1 Mr J Culloty (7)
8 0065 ROCK DIAMOND 14 G Balding 8-10-0 E Leonard
9 0600 SOLO GIRL 21 A Jones 6-10-0 S McNeill
10 0F00 ALICE SPRINGS 21 S G Knight 5-10-0 C Maude
11 00P0 SPIRIT LEVEL 66 J Payne 6-10-0 Mr R Payne (7)
12 6302 DEVIOSITY 29 N Ayliffe 7-10-0 I Shoemark
13 FF38 KEMMY DARLING 21 M Muggeridge 7-10-0 M Ahern
14 UFP/ FRENCHLANDS WAY 313P G Ham 10-10-0 S Mackey

7-2 Father Fortune, 4-1 Suasanan Siosana, 5-1 Cheryls Pet, 11-2 Derrymoss, 7-1 Mahatmacoat, 8-1 Mobile Messenger, 10-1 Rock Diamond, 12-1 others.

4.10 TAUNTON HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,716: 3m) (13)

1 3F-2 NOS NA GAOITHE 12 (V,G,S) N Waller 11-13-1 Richard White (7)
2 4/P- COLCOMBE CASTLE 734 (S) B Rendell 11-12-5 I Dowrick (7)
3 D/S6- FLOOD MARK 342 I Hutchins 10-12-5 S Mulcaire (7)
4 544- HIGHLAND ECHO 294 (F) Mrs J Edwards 11-12-5 Miss A Turner (7)
5 /PP/ LATE SESSION 19P (B,D,F) R Sawey 10-12-5 A Farrant (5)
6 2/5-1 PARSONS PLEASURE 40P (D,S) Mrs A Bowlby 11-12-5 C Mortock (7)
7 31-1 ROVING REPORT 33P (F,G) H Wellstead 7-12-5 R Alner (3)
8 08-4 ANOTHER LUCAS 12P (S) Mrs R Turner 10-11-12 S Slade (7)
9 33-3 EAGLE TRACE 5P (S) P Southcombe 11-11-12 Miss W Southcombe (7)
10 PP-3 JUST SILVER 12P B Rendell 9-11-12 J Colley (7)
11 1-11 NEARLY SPLENDID 28P (F,G,S) S Stevens 9-11-12 T Greed (7)
12 1/4P CADEAU D'ARAGON 5P (F) Ms D Cole 7-11-7 N Harris (7)
13 35-0 WALK IN THE WOODS 12P (F,S) B Baldy 7-11-7 Mrs S Palmer (7)

5-2 Roving Report, 7-2 Nearly Splendid, 9-2 Nos Na Gaoithe, 5-1 others.

4.40 PITMINSTER HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,914: 2m 3f 110yds) (7)

1 0-53 SUKAAB 139 (F) B Ryall 9-12-0 T Dascombe (7)
2 2101 HANDY LASS 14 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs A Knight 5-10-12 D Matthews (5)
3 1540 FAIR BROTHER 6 (C,G,S) G Balding 8-10-10 J Frost
4 -600 LAND OF THE FREE 22 (CD,F,S) R Baker 5-10-0 L Harvey
5 220- THE MINDER 309 (C,S) G Edwards 7-10-0 D Salter (5)
6 442 TENDRESSE 28 R Hodges 6-10-0 W Irvine
7 6PP6 PRINCE VALMY 37 N Ayliffe 9-10-0 B Powell

6-4 Handy Lass, 3-1 Fair Brother, 4-1 Sukaab, 7-1 Tendresse, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 50 winners from 184 runners, 27.2%; O Sherwood, 3 from 12, 25%; D Barons, 6 from 36, 16.7%; P Nicholls, 4 from 34, 11.8%; Mrs J Retter, 6 from 53, 11.3%.

JOCKEYS: J Lower, 8 winners from 39 rides, 20.5%; D Matthews, 3 from 16, 18.8%; D Salter, 4 from 22, 18.2%; only qualifiers.

LUDLOW

THUNDERER
2.00 Big Pat. 2.30 Stylus. 3.00 Strong Beau. 3.30 Factor Ten. 4.00 Once Stung. 4.30 What's In Orbit. 5.00 Cyborgo.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.30 STYLUS.
Brian Beel: 4.00 Once Stung

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) SIS

2.00 CORVEDALE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,550: 2m) (18 runners)

1 31 FED ON OATS 22 (CD,S) D Nicholson 6-11-9 A Maguire 94
2 412R FRANK RICH 59 (B,D,G) S Sherwood 7-11-9 J Osborne 90
3 1 HAROLDON 133 (D,F) B Palling 5-11-8 M Richards 93
4 P- BAR THREE 523 M Barraclough 5-11-3 Guy Lewis (5) –
5 4 BENTICO 38 N Twiston-Davies 5-11-3 C Llewellyn –
6 6 BIG PAT 22 J Spearing 5-11-3 V Slattery 93
7 40P- FICHU 360 G Thorner 6-11-3 R Beggan 78
8 0P FILTRY REESH 18 (B) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-3 W Humphreys –
9 UP6- LLES LE BUCFLOW 304 F Jordan 6-11-3 M Hourigan –
10 22 MONTY ROYALE 22 K Bailey 5-11-3 A Thornton (3) 96
11 000- NEWHALL PRINCE 276 J Smith 6-11-3 T Eley (5) 87
12 0/ SONNY'S SONG 1050 J O'Shea 8-11-3 R Waller (7) –
13 2331 SQUIRE YORK 22 (CD,S) M Eckley 4-11-1 [illegible]
14 00 AMLACE 19 S Mellor 5-10-12 M Perrett –
15 P-0 HOW HUMBLE 147 B Baugh 5-10-12 T Wall –
16 00- JUST FOR A LAUGH 384 J Needham 7-10-12 Richard Guest –
17 1-60 PRECIOUS JUNO 29 (S) Mrs J Pitman 5-10-12 R Beggan –
18 60 SEABURN 19 N Mason 4-10-9 L O'Hare (7) –

2-1 Fed On Oats, 4-1 Monty Royale, 11-2 Squire York, 6-1 Frank Rich, 7-1 others.

2.30 BORDER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HURDLE (£1,791: 2m) (16)

1 5580 NOBLE INSIGHT 133 (D,F,G,S) C Brooks 7-12-0 M Berry (5) 80
2 /0P- SPORTING IDOL 402 (D,F,G) J O'Shea 9-12-0 R Waller (7) –
3 -043 ALWAYS READY 125 (D,G) R Lee 8-11-11 J Bond (7) 72
4 4334 STYLUS 21 (D,S) D Nicholson 5-11-11 R Massey (5) [illegible]
5 04-P SULTAN'S SON 17F (CD,F,G) K Bridgwater 8-11-11 M Griffiths (7) 80
6 08P6 THE HIDDEN CITY 21 (CD,G) C Tinkler 8-11-11 A Thornton 70
7 4104 MISS EQUILLA 7 (D,G,S) M Pipe 8-11-9 L Reynolds (7) 82
8 0349 ANDRATH 22 D Jones 6-11-4 D Meade 80
9 -P64 COLONIAL OFFICE 21 (B) R Juckes 8-11-4 N Juckes (5) –
10 P8U- FARM STREET 3F C Broad 7-11-4 N Collum (5) –
11 8P-P HIGHLAND BRAVE 37 J Colston 7-11-4 R Davis –
12 PPP ROCKY TYRONE 75 (B) D McCain 7-11-4 D Webb (7) –
13 808 SEATWIST 35 J Pickering 5-11-4 T Eley –
14 0PFF SOLO CORNET 19 (G,S) P Bradley 9-11-4 S Wynne 60
15 0-0 TAMAISTE 189F P Evans 5-11-4 Leanne Eldredge (5) –
16 5U00 THANKSFORTHEOFFER 6 I Jones 6-11-4 Pat Thompson (5) 60

2-1 Stylus, 3-1 Miss Equilla, 5-1 Always Ready, 7-1 Andrath, 8-1 others.

3.00 FORBRA GOLD CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£4,713: 3m) (8)

1 P00P FLASHTHECASH 75 (D,F,S) G Balding 8-11-10 M Perrett 94
2 16-0 STRONG BEAU 19 (G,S) D Nicholson 9-11-2 A Maguire 88
3 4-53 ROSS VENTURE 110 (D,F,G) L Lungo 9-11-0 T Reed 98
4 4134 AUCTION LAW 14 (D,F,G,S) D Barons 10-10-10 [illegible]
5 1420 WARNER FOR WINNERS 49 (B,F,B,S) P Hobbs 8-10-8 J Osborne 88
6 SPP- ACE OF SPIES 348 (D,F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 13-10-0 C Llewellyn 88
7 5331 SUNLEY BAY 14 (D,G,S) P Nicholls 8-10-0 Guy Lewis (5) 92
8 2221 NEW HALEN 13 (D,F,G,S) A James 13-10-0 Miss P Jones 90

5-2 Ross Venture, 9-2 New Halen, 5-1 Auction Law, Sunley Bay, 11-2 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: N Henderson, 7 winners from 25 runners, 28.0; S Sherwood, 7 from 25, 28.0; M Pipe, 15 from 67, 23.9%; D Nicholson, 17 from 72, 23.6%, S Christian, 6 from 27, 22.2%; K Bailey, 10 from 46, 21.7%.

JOCKEYS: R Dunwoody, 15 winners from 62 rides, 24.2%; J Osborne, 7 from 30, 23.3%; A Maguire, 6 from 34, 17.6%; M Hourigan, 3 from 22, 13.6%; C Llewellyn, 8 from 60, 13.3%.

3.30 HENLEY HALL HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,836: 2m 5f 110yd) (13)

1 -153 SMITH TOO 43 (F) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-11 D Bohan (7) 85
2 /35 SILLIAN 76 (C,F,G,S) Mrs A Hewitt 12-11-8 S Wynne (3) 87
3 F653 SUPER SPELL 22 (S) G Ham 8-11-7 A Maguire 92
4 1-2P FACTOR TEN 43 (CD,G) Miss H Knight 6-11-6 J Osborne 87
5 05-P NEGATORY 26 (B,S) M Chapman 7-11-4 W Worthington 85
6 43-0 SUEZ CANAL 178 (S) F Jordan 5-11-1 93
7 5-P0 LOGICAL FUN 42 (F,S) J J O'Neill 5-10-13 A Roche (5) –
8 0-60 LING 22 (BF,G,S) J Needham 9-10-13 R J Beggan 97
9 -040 SWILLY EXPRESS 40 (D,S) S Christian 8-10-12 M Perrett 90
10 4266 LITTLE BIG 22 (F,G) C Broad 7-10-6 N Collum (7) 94
11 -000 CAPTAIN MY CAPTAIN 52 (G) R Brotherton 6-10-5 C Llewellyn 93
12 0634 MARIOLINO 7 (F,G,S) K Bishop 7-10-5 M Hourigan [illegible]
13 004 ACANTHUS 12 Miss S Wilton 4-10-0 T Eley (5) 87

3-1 Mariolino, 5-1 Smith Too, 6-1 Factor Ten, 13-2 Super Spell, 8-1 Acanthus, 10-1 Sillian, 12-1 Logical Fun, Captain My Captain, 14-1 Suez Canal, 16-1 Little Big, Swilly Express, 20-1 Ling, 33-1 Negatory.

4.00 LUDLOW HUNTERS CHASE (For the Ludlow Gold Cup: £1,679: 3m) (17)

1 432V- BONANZA BOY 334 (D,F,G,S) M Pipe 13-12-6 D Pipe (7) [illegible]
2 1F-P CELTIC FLEET 12P (V,CD,F,G,S) J Spearing 13-12-6 Miss T Spearing (7) –
3 261/ JUDGMENT DAY 1044 (D,G) N Skelton 12-12-6 M J Jones (7) –
4 1F-3 MANDRAKI SHUFFLE 27 (B,D,BF,F,G) O Sherwood 12-12-6 A Harvey (7) 70
5 13-2 ONCE STUNG 27 (D,F,G,S) P Cheesbrough 8-12-6 J Greenall 83
6 U12- RADIO CUE 271P (F,G) P Bowen 11-12-6 J Llewellyn (7) 68
7 21/P- MIG 413 (G) N Mason 9-12-1 Miss Y Beckingham (7) –
8 11/3 ADAMARE 19P (G) C Foulkes 10-12-0 C Bealby (5) –
9 54-P CLONONY CASTLE 26 (G) Miss U McGuinness 8-12-0 P Hanly (7) 50
10 33/F LOCHINGALL 22 (G) Miss P Morris 9-12-0 D Duggan (7) –
11 2U-5 MY NOMINEE 22 D Nichols 6-12-0 C Stockton (7) –
12 62-4 NGERU 22 R Heathfield 8-12-0 A Edwards (7) 51
13 /5-3 SANDBROOK 19P R Wilcox 10-12-0 K Cousins (7) –
14 2U-4 SPRINGMOUNT 19P (F,S) J Swindells 10-12-0 Miss K Swindells (7) 50
15 /00- STORMY WAGER 296 N Pomfret 9-12-0 E Andrews (7) –
16 3FS- VERY CHEERING 392 Miss M Rowland 11-12-0 B Crawford (7) 50
17 14-0 DOWNSVIEW LADY 22 (F,B,S) J Bullock 10-11-9 M Sheppard (7) –

2-1 Once Stung, 5-1 Mandraki Shuffle, 11-2 Bonanza Boy, 8-1 Adamare, Judgment Day, Ngeru, 12-1 Celtic Fleet, 14-1 Radio Cue, 16-1 Lochingall, 20-1 others.

4.30 BROMFIELD NOVICES CHASE (£2,899: 2m 4f) (12)

1 1664 PETTY BRIDGE 22 (F,G,S) A James 10-11-9 R Bellamy 83
2 312P RAMSTAR 38 (BF,S) D Nicholson 6-11-9 A Maguire 92
3 1RU3 WHAT'S IN ORBIT 7 (B,S) P Nicholls 9-11-9 Guy Lewis (5) [illegible]
4 U-44 BALLY PARSON 71 J Chugg 8-11-4 78
5 3-P0 BRAVO STAR 14 (F,G) K Bishop 9-11-4 –
6 5/F HAPPY DEAL 22 D McCain 8-11-4 T Wall –
7 0-50 MASTER'S CROWN 13F (F,B,S) M Chapman 6-11-4 W Worthington –
8 0PF6 OURPALWENTY 7 C Nash 7-11-4 R Marley –
9 5-05 PERCY SMOLLETT 43 (F) J McConnochie 6-11-4 M Hourigan –
10 4-60 ROYAL REFRAIN 34 T Forster 9-11-4 C Llewellyn –
11 0/ STUBS GUEST 661 C Egerton 8-11-4 J Osborne –
12 -P22 VAZON BAY 22 (B,BF,F) Mrs J Pitman 10-11-4 I Lawrence 90

9-4 What's In Orbit, 3-1 Vazon Bay, 4-1 Ramstar, 5-1 Petty Bridge, 10-1 Royal Refrain, 12-1 Bally Parson, 25-1 Bravo Star, Master's Crown, Percy Smollett, 33-1 Happy Deal, Ourpalwenty, Stubs Guest.

5.00 CLEE HILL NOVICES HURDLE (£1,896: 2m 5f 110yd) (9)

1 31P1 COILED SPRING 13 (D,F,G) D Nicholson 7-11-10 A Maguire 81
2 0 ABSOLUTELYMUSTARD 35 S Sherwood 5-11-4 J Osborne –
3 P-P0 CARLSAN 22 Mrs A Price 8-11-4 Mr M Jackson –
4 5-30 EMPERORS WARRIOR 29 C Broad 8-11-4 Jacqui Oliver 65
5 0 FUN SPORT 43 Mrs A Hewitt 5-11-4 R Bellamy –
6 65 GOD SPEED YOU 82 C Nash 5-11-4 C Llewellyn –
7 2245 GOLDEN SPINNER 61 (S) N Henderson 7-11-4 89
8 21 CYBORGO 30 (D,S) M Pipe 4-11-1 R Dunwoody [illegible]
9 0 KELLSBORO KATE 92 P Hobbs 7-10-13 M Hourigan –

4-6 Cyborgo, 7-2 Coiled Spring, 4-1 Golden Spinner, 8-1 Emperors Warrior, 16-1 Absolutelymustard, God Speed You, Kellsboro Kate, 50-1 Carlsan, Fun Sport.

Wetherby

Going: soft

1.55 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, QUEEN'S CHAPLAIN (Mrs M Morris, 15-8 fav); 2, Goggins Hill (Mr J Greenall, 9-4); 3, Back In Business (Miss H McCaull, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Iveagh Lad (pu), 33 Convincing (pu). 5 ran. 2l, 4l. Mrs M Morris at Lincoln. Tote: £2.40; £1.40, £1.80. DF: £2.70. CSF: £6.12.

2.25 (2m hdle) 1, BEND SABLE (B Storey, 8-1); 2, Call My Guest (F Leahy, 11-10 fav); 3, Weaver George (J Supple, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Circus Colours, 11 Civil Law (pu), Fret, 16 I'm A Dreamer (5th), Queen of The Quorn, Rebel King, 20 Gymcrak Tiger, 25 Volunteer Point (4th), 33 Lingcool (pu), Zeaheyah (6th), 50 Sudden Spin, Thatched (pu). 15 ran. 4l, 2l, 7l, 1½l, 1½l. F Storey at Carlisle. Tote: £8.60; £2.80, £1.20, £1.50. DF: £8.00. CSF: £18.09.

2.55 (3m 110yd ch) 1, BRABAZON (M Richards, 5-1); 2, Unguided Missile (N Doughty, 20-1); 3, Lo Stregone (M Dwyer, 11-10 fav). ALSO RAN: 7-4 Stackenfield (fell), 33 Irish Gent (4th). 5 ran. 10l, 20l, dist. M Tompkins at Newmarket. Tote: £5.00; £1.90, £2.60. DF: £17.30. CSF: £51.60.

3.25 (2m 4f 110yd) 1, CARNETTO (F Leahy, 11-2); 2, Scrabble (R Guest, 14-1); 3, Mega Blue (J Callaghan, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Loch Scavaig (f), 100-30 Manettia (4th), 7 Mrs Moneypenny (f), 25 Chorus Line (pu), 33 Bin Lid, Cacehwete (bd), 50 Catch The Pigeon (6th), Company Secretary, Cross Reference (5th), Midnight Rollla, Midori (pu). 14 ran. 4l, 8l, 20l, 15l, 4l. R Brewis at Belford. Tote: £6.90; £2.00, £2.60, £1.40. DF: £47.40. Trio: £63.60. CSF: £73.53.

3.55 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, PRINCE YAZA (L O'Hara, 33-1); 2, Dawson City (L Wyer, 5-6 fav); 3, Candy Tuff (P Niven, 9-4). ALSO RAN: 5 Repeat The Dose (4th), 20 Strong Sound (pu). 5 ran. 1½l, 7l, 4l. J Curtis at Driffield. Tote: £30.50; £3.80, £1.20. DF: £8.60. CSF: £58.99.

4.25 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, BALTIC BROWN (Gee Armytage, 5-4 fav); 2, Military Honour (Miss R Clark, 11-8); 3, Hicksiton Lad (Miss S Higgins, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 9 Moss Bee (4th). 4 ran. 7l, dist, dist. Mrs S Smith at Bingley. Tote: £2.10. DF: £1.60. CSF: £3.05.

4.55 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, PEANUTS PET (R Garritty, 7-1); 2, Cluricen (E Husband, 10-1); 3, Viardot (P Niven, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Noddle (pu), 9-2 Ambleside Harvest (4th), 11 Abbot of Furness, Chief Raider, 14 Belton, 20 Gris Et Violet (pu), Master Boston (6th), 25 Duhallow Lodge (5th), Temple Garth (pu). 12 ran. NR: Wake Up. Nk, 2l, 10l, 3l, 7l. T Tate at Tadcaster. Tote: £7.90; £2.90, £1.30, £2.00. DF: £31.30. Trio: £98.40. CSF: £71.84. Tricast: £584.63.
Placepot: £189.10.

Nap: SO PROUD
(3.50 Warwick)
Next best: Setter Country
(3.10 Taunton)

Fontwell Park

Going: soft

2.10 (2m 2f hdle) 1, ERICOLIN (G McCourt, 4-7 fav); 2, Tailand Stream (R Farrant, 12-1); 3, Leave It Out (J Frost, 66-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Northern Trial (pu), 8 Biddlestone Boy, 14 Borreto, Wachway North, 16 Tea-Lady, 20 Countrywide Lad (5th), 50 Abu Dancer (4th), Letts Green (6th), 66 Mint Fresh, Pinber (pu). 13 ran. 1½l, 12l, 8l, 8l, 2l. N Tinkler at Malton. Tote: £1.40; £1.30, £2.50, £13.80. DF: £8.80. CSF: £9.71.

2.40 (2m 3f ch) 1, WYLAM (D Murphy, 9-2); 2, Sartorius (B Powell, 11-8 fav); 3, General Merchant (R Dunwoody, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Chiaroscuro (pu), 8 Zamil (5th), 20 On Your Way (pu), 33 Air Commander (4th). 7 ran. NR: Rustic Gent. 10l, 3l, dist, dist. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £8.90; £3.30, £1.60. DF: £5.10. CSF: £10.33. Tricast: £25.26.

3.10 (2m 2f ch) 1, ALL FOR LUCK (R Dunwoody, 9-2); 2, Urban Cowboy (S McNeill, 16-1); 3, Jackson Flint (S Smith Eccles, 3-1). ALSO RAN: Evens fav Amtrak Express (f), 16 Harbinger (5th), 100 Essen Aitch (6th), Whylor (4th). 7 ran. 25l, 4l, 12l, 1½l, dist. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £4.20; £1.70, £3.10. DF: £21.30. CSF: £52.40.

3.40 (2m 6f hdle) 1, SEE ENOUGH (A Tory, 9-4; Richard Evans's nap & Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Do Be Have (J Osborne, 4-1); 3, Book of Music (D Murphy, 11-8 fav). ALSO RAN: 14 A Fortion, 16 Golden Drops (5th), 50 Time Enough (pu), 100 Abesse Roxanne, Ballyduffin Lad (4th), Bishops Truth (f), Green's Game, Lady Carolino (pu), Saracen's Boy (pu), Tullykyne Bells (6th). 13 ran. NR: Balustrade, Call Home, Sipmatic. 2½, 8l, 25l, 6l, sh hd. R Buckler at Bridport. Tote: £3.40; £1.10, £1.70, £1.50. DF: £5.10. Trio: £2.80. CSF: £10.53.

4.10 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, PUNCH'S HOTEL (C Burnett-Wells, 7-1); 2, Here Comes Charter (R Dunwoody, 9-2); 3, Castle Blue (J Osborne, 2-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 9-4 Meldon (4th), 10 Paper Star (6th), 14 Miss Muire (pu), 33 Young Alfie (pu), 50 Kellem'lu (pu), Mayor Elston (5th). 9 ran. 3l, 1½l, dist, 2½l, dist. R Rowe at Storrington. Tote: £8.50; £2.30, £1.80, £1.10. DF: £29.90. Trio: £15.30. CSF: £36.11. Tricast: £77.76.

4.40 (2m 2f hdle) 1, KOVALEVSKIA (A Maguire, 2-1 fav); 2, Alosaili (M Stevens, 8-1); 3, Charcoal Burner (S Burrough, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 6 Mildred Sophia (5th), 10 Lucky Oak, Star Market (4th), 12 Cyrill Henry (6th), J Bond. 8 ran. 7l, 15l, 1½l, 1l, 20l. D Wilson at Epsom. Tote: £2.20; £1.30, £2.30, £2.70. DF: £13.20. CSF: £16.77. Tricast: £47.49.
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England manager says nothing sinister was behind resignation

Cooke scorns ideas of hounding

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

LIFE "in a goldfish bowl" finally convinced Geoff Cooke to conclude his successful career as manager of the England rugby union team. However, yesterday, as Cooke expanded on the surprise announcement of his resignation earlier this week, he categorically denied that he had been "hounded" out by a Rugby Football Union (RFU) cabal.

Cooke himself had been responsible for a growing sense of disenchantment with his managerial role, once he made the decision two years to divorce himself from coaching the team. Having stepped back from the hands-on role that was his trademark when he was appointed seven years ago, he found himself enjoying the role less and resenting the demands made on his business and private life more.

He did not deny that he found criticism emanating from certain colleagues on the RFU committee "irritating", but he accepted that as a fact of life: "It's no secret we've had our differences from time to time, but that's only to be expected," he said.

"A lot of the differences could be avoided with better communication and that's something we've tried to improve, but reports that I have been hounded out are absolute nonsense. I'm very much my own man. I've faced challenges in the past, and if I think they're worth fighting for, I'll always do that."

Cooke, 52, described his post as a public property that would always attract criticism, some of it hurtful, but there was nothing sinister either in the decision to stand down or the timing of it. That he had survived in his post by only one vote at the start of the season had not been a factor.

Life with the British Lions in New Zealand last summer brought matters to a head, he said. He derived little pleasure watching training sessions in which he had no input, nor the constant round of interviews and official duties. Yet the ambition to contribute towards an England team that could beat New Zealand maintained his enthusiasm and victory over the All Blacks last November was one of his fondest achievements.

"I had more or less made up my mind to go before last Christmas, when it became *obvious to me that it was time* to finish," he said. "I was getting a bit weary of the travelling, of living in a goldfish bowl.

"I thought it would be a bit selfish to go after the New Zealand game and I believed that, once the [five nations'] championship started, I would rediscover my enthusiasm. It hasn't really happened and I realised I didn't want to go to South Africa in the summer, in my present role as *manager, standing* watching interminable practice sessions. My background is as a coach and I love the involvement with the team.

"I'm tired, I need a break and I think it's in the best interests of the team. A new man will bring a fresh perspective, fresh ideas. But the timing was difficult. If I'd said it after the Scottish game, when we hadn't played very well, it might have looked wrong. Then the Irish game came along and I had to get it off my chest, because I needed to know what I was doing and my employers needed to know whether I would be here."

The problems of British sport impinged too on Cooke's decision, since so much is based on voluntary effort. As assistant chief executive to the National Coaching Foundation, he has been affected by the uncertainty over the future of the Sports Council.

"I have a career and I have made a lot of career sacrifices over the last few years . . . but I have an obligation to the people I work with and for," he said.

Cook would make no predictions regarding his successor, nor would he be drawn on the subject of a full-time appointment: "I don't think we're ready for that yet, because it's a bit of a precarious existence," he said, "and how many people would want to give up a career to take on a full-time job as England rugby manager?"

Cook paid tribute to the support he has received from his wife, Sue, and his two sons and mentioned the sense of guilt he felt that his pursuit of his own ambitions had denied him time with his family. He hopes to sustain his links with the game, which go back to his days as a player with Bradford.

"We've lost a few good people in the past because they have gone in bitter mood," he said. "So if you try and go at a moment of your own choosing, you go in a positive frame of mind, ready to put things back into the game."



Cooke expands yesterday on the reasons for his resignation as manager of the England rugby union team. Photograph: Marc Aspland

SPORT IN BRIEF

Kankkunen leads by five-second margin

JUHA Kankkunen, the Finnish world champion, led the Portuguese rally by just five seconds from Massimo Biasion, of Italy, after 15 special stages yesterday. Rain and mist made conditions increasingly tough as the cars struggled round the second 447km leg of the rally, which was continuing on to the northern coastal town of Povoa de Varzim last night. The event, the second in the world championship series, ends in the Lisbon seaside suburb of Estoril tomorrow.

Kankkunen took the lead from Francois Delecours, of France, who dropped out during the twelfth special stage at Lousada in northern Portugal after his Ford Escort developed engine problems, but Biasion, Delecours' Ford teammate, who has won this rally three times, continued to snap at the heels of Kankkunen's Toyota Celica. Colin McRae, of Britain, improved during the day from seventh after the twelfth stage to fifth three stages later, 1min 47sec behind the leader.

Wainwright moves

RUGBY UNION: Rob Wainwright, the Scotland flanker, is to play for West Hartlepool next season in the Courage Clubs Championship, thus severing his links with Edinburgh Academicals. He has been out of the game since fracturing his jaw in the Calcutta Cup game at Murrayfield last month. Prospects of returning to the first division look encouraging for West Hartlepool, who lead the second division with five games to play. Wainwright, an army doctor, will have to travel from Inverness — where he is being posted for six months — for the first six games of next season, but thereafter he will be back at Catterick: "Playing for West Hartlepool, which is only 20 miles away, means that I can train regularly with the club," Wainwright said.

Gowers seeded twice

BADMINTON: Gillian Gowers, of England, is seeded twice, including No 2 in the mixed event, at the Yonex All England championships at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham in two weeks' time. Gowers, 29, partners Michael Sogaard, of Denmark, with whom she won the Taiwanese and Korean opens in January, and is seeded joint-fifth in the women's doubles with Joanne Wright. Gill Clark, a former partner of Gowers, is also seeded twice, joint-fifth in both women's doubles, with Julie Bradbury, and the mixed, with Chris Hunt, but is a doubtful starter because of injury.

Kenyans seek enquiry

ATHLETICS: John Bicourt, a leading British agent, said yesterday that the best Kenyan runners are considering boycotting the world cross country championships this month and the Commonwealth Games in August if their national track and field body is not re-organised. Bicourt, an executive board director of the agents' body, the International Association of Athletes Representatives, said Kenyan athletes wanted the government to launch an enquiry into allegations concerning the financial management of the Kenya Amateur Athletics Association.

Williams takes award

GOLF: Craig Williams, 15, from the Creigiau club in Mid-Glamorgan, and Georgina Simpson, 18, from Cleckheaton and District, are the winners of the 1993 Golf Foundation awards for outstanding junior golfers. Williams, who has a two handicap, won the Welsh schools championship as well as his club junior championship and was a member of Glamorgan's senior squad. Simpson, who plays off scratch, won the English girls, the English under-18 stroke-play and English under-21 championships. She represented England at both junior and senior level.

Akinwande defence

BOXING: Henry Akinwande will make the second defence of his European heavyweight title against Clifton Mitchell, of Derby, at York Hall, Bethnal Green on March 22. The venue represents a change of initial plans by the promoter, Mickey Duff, who came close to putting it on in Marseilles until television schedules changed. The 6ft 7in Akinwande is unbeaten in 23 bouts and Mitchell in ten, the last of which came in two rounds at the weekend against the former European champion, Jean Maurice Chanet, of France, on the Nigel Benn v Henry Wharton Earls Court bill.

National security safe in hands of born leader



Bradley: determined

David Hands reflects on the triumphant second coming of Michael Bradley, the Ireland scrum half

The Ireland captain works for a security firm in Cork. The company includes, among its responsibilities, the monitoring of alarm systems. Somehow it seems appropriate for a country whose rugby was once described as being in a "desperate but never serious" state.

Michael Bradley's rugby career has been full of alarms, at least his second coming has. From 1984 to 1988, all seemed smooth as silk for the saturnine scrum half born in Cork 31 years ago, whose successes included a string of caps, a share in the triple-crown triumph of 1985 and World Cup honours in 1987.

Then it fell away. Bradley was one of several casualties of the six-try hammering delivered by England at Twickenham in 1988. He retreated to his Munster base, emerging in 1990 only when a scrum half was required against Wales — he broke his ankle. For a couple of years, he played only club rugby with Cork Constitution, whom, to his intense delight, he captained to the All-Ireland League championship in 1991.

Yet Bradley, who will lead Ireland in their final five nations' championship match of this season against Scotland at Lansdowne Road on Saturday, comes of perceptive stock. His father, Austin, was a talented footballer and Ireland found that, wherever they turned for a scrum half, they could not find one with Bradley's generalship and reading of the game.

His return to prominence came in the unlikely surroundings of the disastrous 1992 tour to New Zealand. When Philip Danaher was injured, Bradley assumed the captaincy of an inexperienced side struggling to stay with the pace of New Zealand rugby. That, though, opened the door to another pack of critics — those who roundly declared that Bradley was there only because his father-in-law, Noel Murphy, was the team manager.

"Criticism is a fact of life, it's not new — players in all countries experience it," Bradley said. "Unless you win every game as an international player, it'll always be there, but it doesn't help, particularly when it's specific and personal stuff."

Nor does it help players who, because of their involvement in rugby, concede so much in career terms. Bradley is candid in his view that players should receive bonus payments for international appearances and reimbursement for loss of earnings.

"In my own work situation, I have twice asked my employers whether they want me to get involved again," he said. "On each occasion, they have said yes, but if they had said no, that would have been it."

Even having re-established himself in New Zealand, Bradley missed the home encounter with Australia that October because he was not playing for Munster. Defeat by 42-17 suggested his recall for the 1993 five nations' championship, as captain.

Since then, England, if noboby else, has been ready to offer Ireland favours, in Dublin last March and at Twickenham 12 days ago: "We were thrilled with the win," Bradley said. "Twickenham is such a difficult place, but in our last six internationals, we have won four, which is not bad for an Ireland side. We are confident now we can perform in certain areas. We believe we can compete, that we have a foot on the ladder, although we are realistic and accept our limitations." The alarm bells may not be turned off, but they are, at least, muted.

Thomson sweeps through

BY GORDON ALLAN

ANDY Thomson qualified for the semi-finals of the Churchill Insurance world indoor singles bowls championship for the first time when he beat Willie Wood 7-0, 7-3, 5-7, 6-7, 7-4 at Preston yesterday.

The match lasted 3½ hours and had everything — all the shots, swings of fortune, chances taken or missed and fine sportsmanship. When Thomson took the first set in next to no time and continued to ourplay Wood in the second, most people were resigned to an early finish. Not Wood. He tidied up his game, took the mat up the green as soon as he could and started finding a consistently good length and line.

He won the third set from 5-2 down and squared the match in the fourth, despite missing a draw for a set lie of three at 5-4. In the fifth, Wood led 3-2, at which point Thomson played a courageous conversion shot to turn a position of one shot down into three-up. Soon afterwards, a trail for two by Thomson, which left Wood in an almost impossible position, brought this memorable match to its thrilling conclusion.

"That was the hardest singles I've ever been in," Thomson said. "Willie was playing shots that nobody else could have played."

Wood said: "Andy could easily go on and win the title now. His form's good and his attitude's right."

There are, incidentally, no English-born players left in the singles. The remaining matches are Graham Robertson versus Mark McMahon, Richard Corsie versus Ian Taylor and Stephen Rees versus Wynne Richards.

The portable rink is now in its eleventh year of use and is said, by Wood, to be playing better than ever before, although not everybody agrees. This year, an imperfection of several inches was discovered in the level at one end, but this has been corrected.

Designed in 1982 by Mike Williams, of Avon Scenery, Bristol, with the advice of David Bryant, the rink was first used for the late-lamented United Kingdom singles at Preston in 1983 and since then has appeared at Bournemouth and Alexandra Palace. It is unique, although, during the bowls boom on television in the Eighties, the possibility of constructing another was talked about.

Before the idea of the rink was conceived, Bryant had visualised the world championships being held, one day, in the Albert Hall. That might be less claustrophobic for the competitors, but surely no less daunting.

Wood said: "On an ordinary club green, you're aware of people moving on the rinks on either side of you, but it's easy to shut them out. The spectators at Preston are totally different — they seem to be right on top of you. It's like a tunnel."

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Dickson moves into lead

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

CHRIS Dickson's yacht, *Tokio*, became the third leader in as many days as the Whitbread Round the World Race fleet continued its voyage towards Cape Horn on the fourth stage yesterday.

The European entry, *Intrum Justitia*, skippered by Lawrie Smith, fell back to second place for the stage, ten miles behind the leader and two miles ahead of the Spanish entry, *Galicia '93 Pescanova*, which is under the leadership of Javier de la Gandara. All three yachts are Whitbread 60s.

In fourth place was the leading Maxi, *New Zealand Endeavour*, skippered by Grant Dalton, which is 24 miles behind *Tokio*.

The leaders are sailing in the southern Pacific Ocean about 2,500 miles from the finish of the stage at Punta del Este in Uruguay. The first yacht should round Cape Horn at the southern tip of South America on Sunday.

The 5,900-mile leg from Auckland, New Zealand, began on February 20 with the winner expected to arrive in Punta del Este on March 10.

Tokio, the Japanese/New Zealand entry, held the overall lead in the race after three legs, with *New Zealand Endeavour* the first of the Maxis.

The 32,000-mile race over six stages is scheduled to finish in Southampton during July.

☐ Appalling weather conditions in the Southern Ocean brought *Enza New Zealand* to a halt in her attempt to break the record by completing a circumnavigation in less than 79 days.

The co-skippers, Peter Blake and Robin Knox-Johnston, decided that the combined effects of 50-knot head-winds, 12-metre waves and torrential rain were too much to contend with and gave the order to heave to.

"It was rough with the waves breaking and too difficult to sail into. We were smashing the boat around too much," they reported yesterday. "So we took the mainsail down and moved quietly to windward while the barometer tried its best to fall through the floor."

After 45 days at sea, they are waiting for the seas to subside before they resume their record attempt on the remaining 750 miles to Cape Horn.

Enza's French rival, *Lyonnaise des Eaux-Dumez*, has made up some ground and is now only 580 miles behind.

POSITIONS

At 01.55GMT yesterday, with miles to Punta del Este, Uruguay

WHITBREAD 60 CLASS: 1, Intrum Justitia (L Smith, Eur) 2,672; 2, Tokio (C Dickson, NZ) 2,673; 3, Galicia '93 Pescanova (J de la Gandara, Sp) 2,677; 4, Yamaha (R Field, NZ) 2,701; 5, Winston (B Butterworth, US) 2,722; 6, Dolphin & Youth Challenge (M Humphries, GB) 2,763; 8, Brookfield (G Macaio, It) 2,951; 9, Heineken (D Fillay, US) 2,883; 9, Hetman Sahaidachny (E Pleton, Ukr) 3,185; 10, Odessa (A Verba, Ukr) 3,209.

MAXI CLASS: 1, New Zealand Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ) 2,683; 2, Maxi Cup (P Fehlmann, Switz) 2,730; 3, La Poste (E Tabarly, Fr) 2,775; 4, Uruguay Natural (G Vanzini, Uru) 3,197.

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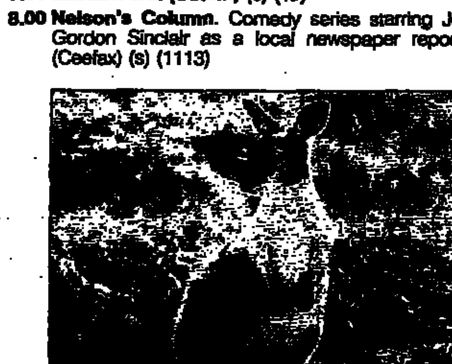
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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (57990)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (64841680)
9.05 Kilroy (s) (8163390) **9.45 Newshound.** Current affairs quiz (2497262)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5619796) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (8189154)
10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. Weekday family magazine (s) (91167338)
12.15 Pebble Mill. Alan Titchmarsh is joined by former *Neighbours* cast-members Gayle and Gillian Blakeney (s) (1409951) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (20987796)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (35425)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (67977222) **1.50 The Great British Quiz** (s) (67988338)
2.15 FILM: Goodnight My Love (1972) starring Richard Boone, Barbara Bain and Michael Dunn. A down-on-his-luck Los Angeles private detective and his partner are hired by a woman to find her fiancé who has decamped with $400,000 of the mob's money. Directed by Peter Hyams (9585609)
3.25 The Jetsons (6086680) **3.50 Noddy** (r) (s) (9351680) **4.00 Batfink** (2146723) **4.05 Jackanory.** Episode three of Ted Hughes's four-part story *The Iron Woman* (s) (3649834) **4.15 Popeye and Son** (5240999) **4.30 Mud.** Episode three of the seven-part children's comedy drama. (Ceefax) (s) (2924609)
4.55 Newsround (2362512) **5.05 Blue Peter.** (Ceefax) (s) (4192319)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (346116)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (83)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (35)
7.00 Top of the Pops. (Ceefax) (s) (4883)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (19)
8.00 Nelson's Column. Comedy series starring John Gordon Sinclair as a local newspaper reporter. (Ceefax) (s) (1113)

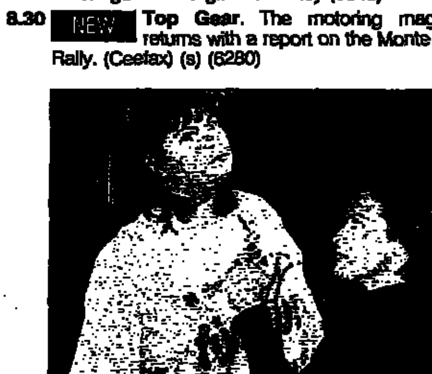


Wallaroos co-exist with oil workers (8.30pm)

8.30 Wildlife on One: Barrels of Crude and Wallaroos. The wildlife of Barrow Island, home of Australia's second largest oilfield (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9338)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Peter Sissons. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (5116)
9.30 Absolutely Fabulous. Edina is comforted by Patsy when she learns that her former husband is going to end her maintenance payments. Starring Jennifer Saunders and Joanna Lumley. (Ceefax) (s) (16241)
10.00 Ben Elton – The Man from Auntie. Sketches and stand-up comedy (s) (87241)
10.30 Question Time chaired by David Dimbleby. The guests include MPs Nicholas Soames and Glenda Jackson (13593). **Wales:** The Slate 11.05 Question Time 12.05am-12.25 A Way of Life
11.30 A Way of Life. The last of four programmes celebrating Ramadan (s) (606425)
11.50 World Bowls. The indoor championships from Preston (s) (948816) **1.20am Weather** (7540988)
2.45-3.30 BBC Select: Benefits Agency Today (9774549) **3.00 RCN Nursing Update** (84988)

BBC2

6.20 Open University (16744593)
8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax) (4201951)
8.15 Westminster Daily (3649067)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, **12.50 Advice Shop** on the evils of debt (9837222) and, for children, **1.20 Fiddley Foodle Bird** (48607864) **1.35-1.40 Johnson and Friends** (55043406)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Numbertime** (r) (47355715)
2.15 World Bowls from Preston (s) (5671425)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Westminster Live.** (Ceefax) (2421195) **3.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather (9359222)
4.00 World Bowls (s) (28796)
5.30 From the Edge. Current affairs from a disabled viewpoint. (Ceefax) (12)
6.00 FILM: Secrets of the Phantom Caverns (1984) starring Robert Powell and Timothy Bottoms. Thriller about a deadly discovery made by a group of soldiers and an anthropologist when they open a sealed cave on a remote Central American mountain. Directed by Don Sharp. (Ceefax) (36203)
7.30 First Sight: Blight This House. Are the compensation rules fair for householder's whose property will be affected by the Channel tunnel rail link? (61). Wales: Week In Week Out; East: Matter of Fact; Midlands: Midlands Report; North, North-east, North-west: Close Up North; South: Southern Eye; South-west: Close Up; West: Close Up West
8.00 A Year With Fred. To set the scene for a new series about the Lancastrian steeplejack, Fred Dibnah, a repeat of a programme first shown in 1987 in which he brings down a giant chimney (8845)
8.30 NEW **Top Gear.** The motoring magazine returns with a report on the Monte Carlo Rally. (Ceefax) (s) (6280)



Dawn French and Amanda Donohoe (9.00pm)

9.00 NEW **Murder Most Horrid II: Overkill.** (Ceefax) (s) (6086)
9.30 NEW **In Search of Our Ancestors: Survival.** (Ceefax) (496845)
10.20 10 x 10: A Lesson in History. Animation questioning the way history is taught in British schools (r) (832636)
10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (247951)
11.15 Late Review with Tracey MacLeod (s) (762970)
11.55 Weather (550932) **12.00 Open View** (r) (9521926)
12.05am Images of the Cosmos. The sun's magnetic forces (2613100)
12.30 Endgame. A full-length version of Samuel Beckett's play (360297). Ends at **2.10**

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The Rector's Wife
Channel 4, 10.00pm

Looking a lot more comfortable than she did in *A Year in Provence*, Lindsay Duncan plays the bitter heroine of Joanna Trollope's novel which comes smoothly to the screen courtesy of adaptor Hugh Whitemore and director Giles Foster. Duncan's Anna resents being an unofficial curate to her rector husband (Jonathan Coy) and struggles to maintain respectability on his modest salary. When he fails to get promotion she invites social shame by taking a job in a supermarket. Fortunately the new archdeacon (Ronald Pickup) is on hand to offer comfort and, perhaps, something more. The village community, with its snobberies, is skilfully sketched, the photography glows and the cast is strong enough to include the excellent Prunella Scales in little more than a walk-on part.

Murder Most Horrid II
BBC2, 9.00pm

Dawn French returns to one of her happiest formats, playing a variety of unlikely characters in a new series of spoof thrillers. In Stephen Moffat's *Overkill* she is a Midlands social worker who has been fired from her job and is recording a farewell message to mum before hanging herself. Her suicide is interrupted by the arrival of a leather-clad hitwoman (Amanda Donohoe) who recruits French to assassinate a businessman (Peter Vaughan) in the block opposite. Moffat's script is skilfully plotted, sprayed with macabre jokes and played to the hilt by a cast not afraid of sending itself up. Be warned that some of the humour goes right to the edge of bad taste, as when Donohoe boasts that she has killed 50 people and French retorts: "So you are a social worker, too."

Beyond the Clouds: A Sense of Family
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Phil Agland's soap opera-style documentary based on life in a small Chinese town continues to grip. The skill of the enterprise lies in the way it relates day to day events, some commonplace and others lurid, to the wider changes taking place in Chinese society. At the centre of the series is the murder of a 17-year-old boy during a brawl in which some 30 youngsters were involved. The film follows each stage of the police investigation while picking up on the debate about the link between teenage lawlessness and the move towards a free market economy. Western audiences will be more than familiar with the argument that youth unemployment has fuelled a soaring crime rate and made the streets unsafe to walk at night.

In Search of Our Ancestors
BBC2, 9.30pm

The American anthropologist Donald Johanson continues his watchable series on the origins of the human species. Three million years ago, he suggests, our ancestors still looked like upright apes but were starting to take on more human characteristics. They were making simple stone tools, though their brains were still only one third the size of ours. There is a debate about whether they were hunters or the prey of others. Johanson visits the African savannah to test the rival theories. He does not pretend to present any startling new material but as a summary of existing knowledge it is lucid and balanced. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (8534512)
9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (3088593) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8165574)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion series (s) (6820241)
10.35 This Morning (91151777) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7756390)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (9855628)
12.55 Emmerdale (r). (Teletext) (9830319) **1.25 Home and Away.** (Teletext) (57480932)
1.55 Gardener's Diary. John Ravenscroft with seasonal advice (52294311) **2.25 A Country Practice** (s) (93332883) **2.50 TV Weekly** (s) (6175883)
3.20 ITN News headlines (8539715) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8538086)
3.30 Allsorts (s) (4568999) **3.40 Tots TV** (s) (9357864) **3.50 Garfield and Friends** (6899425) **4.10 Animaniacs.** (Teletext) (3100593) **4.40 Fun House.** Slapstick game show. (Teletext) (8968628)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (4119086)
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (603048)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (48224)
7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (9951)
7.30 The Big Race. Documentary series following the progress of competitors in an overland vehicle race from London to New York via Siberia. (Teletext) (15)
8.00 The Bill: Business as Usual. PCs Quinnan and Ackland investigate a burglary at a clothes shop. (Teletext) (5999)

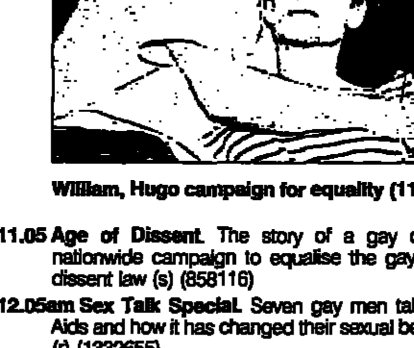


Webster and Cole are in the frame (8.30pm)

8.30 Minder: Bring Me the Head of Arthur Daley. Arthur (George Cole) becomes the victim of a series of frame-ups and while he is doing 100 hours community service, Ray (Gary Webster) is investigating the reasons why. (Teletext) (s) (58932)
9.30 Commando. The third in the five-part documentary series following the fortunes of soldiers who aspire to wearing the coveted green beret. (Teletext) (s) (18609)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (89609) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (719203)
10.40 Just a Minute. Comedy game show hosted by Nicholas Parsons and Tony Slattery. They are joined by Neil Mullarkey, Hatty Hayridge and Tony Banks, MP (s) (127721)
11.10 Big City. Entertainments guide (s) (176574)
11.40 FILM: Murphy's Law (1986) starring Charles Bronson and Carrie Snodgrass. Violent thriller about a policeman, framed for the murder of his former wife and her lover, who escapes from prison to exact revenge on the person who was responsible. Directed by J. Lee Thompson (107845)
1.30am Donahue. The guests are people who have suffered unwelcome house guests (83655)
2.30 The Beat. Music and movie magazine (r) (s) (64094)
3.30 Quiz Night. Pub and club competition (55013)
4.00 The Album Show (r) (s) (16471)
5.00 Videofashion (r) (60810)
5.30 ITN Morning News. (43094) Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors. Animated fantasy adventures (r) (3272661)
7.00 The Big Breakfast. Early morning mayhem (25048)
9.00 Sabotage. All-women game show (s) (99086)
9.30 Schools: Middle English (4846845) **9.46** Mathematical Eye (1702067) **10.07** Scientific Eye (8172864) **10.28** Geographical Eye (4043086) **10.52** Schools at Work (8433715) **11.00** History in Action (6161721) **11.22** The Microclass (8080319) **11.40** The French Programme (1488680)
12.00 House To House. Maye Even reports on parliamentary business (79222)
12.30 Sesame Street. Entertaining pre-school learning series (42883) **1.30 Widget.** Animation (r) (28086)
2.00 FILM: The Weaker Sex (1948, b/w) starring Ursula Jeans, Cecil Parker and Thora Hird. Drama, based on a long-running play, about a British middle-class family coping with the privations of the Second World War and its aftermath. Directed by Roy Baker (21406)
3.30 FILM: Hotel à la Swing (1937, b/w) starring Eddie Foy Jr and the Mullen Sisters. Musical about a press agent who dreams of putting a hotel on the map by employing chorus girl chambermaids and singing chefs. Directed by Roy Mack (3221970)
3.55 A Taste Of Africa. Part three of the gastronomic tour of the Dark Continent features food from Egypt (r). (Teletext) (s) (7225241)
4.30 Countdown. (Teletext) (s) (28)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guests discuss the pros and cons of shock therapy for self-abusing children. (Teletext) (s) (1210406) **5.50 Laurel and Hardy** (311661)
6.00 The Crystal Maze. Richard O'Brien leads another group of eager volunteers through the time warp fantasy zones (r) (60446)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (882425)
7.50 Comment. (Teletext) (265375)
8.00 The Royal Collection. The Prince of Wales introduces this six-part series on the world's greatest private collection of paintings, explored by Christopher Lloyd, Surveyor of the Queen's Pictures (r). (Teletext) (s) (6241)
8.30 The Pulse. In the last of the series Shahnaz Pakravan explores the role being played by genetic medicine in the treatment and identification of diseases. (Teletext) (2048)
9.00 CHOICE **Beyond the Clouds: A Sense of Family.** (Teletext) (s) (2999)
10.00 CHOICE **The Rector's Wife.** (Teletext) (s) (1282574)



William, Hugo campaign for equality (11.05pm)

11.05 Age of Dissent. The story of a gay couple's nationwide campaign to equalise the gay age of dissent law (s) (858116)
12.05am Sex Talk Special. Seven gay men talk about Aids and how it has changed their sexual behaviour (r) (1332655)
12.55 Dispatches (r). (Teletext) (5366907)
1.40 The Manor Of Ulloa. The last episode of the Spanish drama serial (r) (6207029). Ends at **2.45**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **7.00** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Emma Freud **2.00pm** Mark Goodier **4.00** Nicky Campbell **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** The Guest List **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** The Reluctant Jester (r) **7.30** Wally Whyton with country music **9.00** Paul Jones with a session of jazzy jump blues from Ray Gelato's Giants of Jive **10.00** High and Lonesome: Nick Barraclough's history of bluegrass music **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00-4.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** Schools: Let's Make a Story; **9.15** Together; **9.35** Listen and Read 2; **9.45** Letterbox; **9.55** Poetry Corner; **10.05** In the News **10.25** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** Sporting Albums: Ian Wright (r) **1.10** The Crunch **2.30** BFBS Worldwide **4.05** Andy Smith's Drive-in **6.30** Burning Everest: See Choice **7.15** Long Journey Home, by Julius Lester. A tale of slavery, read by Eartha Kitt **7.30** Formula Five **8.00** Vibes with Normski **9.00** Klub Kulture **9.30** Gunchester: A new six-part drama set in Manchester's Moss Side, by Paul Sirett and Steve Thomas **10.10** Eastern Beat **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** *Morgenmagazin* **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** News **6.10** British News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Network UK **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Good Books **8.30** John Peel **9.00** News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** From Our Own Correspondent **9.30** The Farming World **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Assignment **10.30** Two Cheers for February **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Multitrack 2 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf. *Frankenstein* **2.45** The Learning World **3.00** News **3.15** Ray on Record **4.00** News **4.10** British News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** World News **5.05** World Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** Nachrichten **7.05** Kaleidoskop **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.10** British News **10.15** Network UK **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** Music Review **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Conductors at Work **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** On the Move **1.45** Global Concerns **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** The False Inspector Drew **3.00** News **3.10** British News **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** Focus on Faith **4.00** News **4.15** Top Scores

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** *Lunchtime Concerto*: Ireland (Piano Concerto in E flat) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Sarah Ward **7.00** The Travel Guide **8.00** Evening Concert: Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. Wagner (Overture, Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg); Rachmaninov (The Rock); Mozart (Oboe Concerto); Sibelius (En Saga); Dvořák (Symphony No 8 in G) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Mark Griffiths

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** N J Williams **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyte

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News and Weather (8165574) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News and Weather (7756390) **1.55** A Country Practice (67972777) **2.20** TV Weekly (93324864) **2.50-3.20** The Young Doctors (6175883) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (8538086) **5.10-5.40** Take the High Road (4119086) **6.00** Home and Away (691319) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather and Anglia News (437965) **10.30** Anglia News and Weather (719203) **10.40** Anglia Tonight (127721) **11.10** Phoenix (859845) **12.10am** The Powers That Be (8339723) **12.35** Bodies of Evidence (4462742) **1.30** Superstars of Wrestling (2483013) **2.15** America's Top Ten (2296278) **2.40** The Gorbals Story (4580051) **4.00** Jobfinder (3541346) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (8472278)

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (8165574) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (7756390) **1.55** Shortland Street (67972777) **2.20** TV Weekly (93324864) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (6175883) **3.25-3.30** Central News (8538086) **5.10-5.40** Gardening Time (4119086) **6.00** Home and Away (691319) **6.25** Central News and Weather (609338) **6.55-7.00** Life Line (814593) **10.30** Central News and Weather (719203) **10.40** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill (628777) **11.40** Bloodsuckers (328715) **1.00am** The Little Picture Show (9281638) **2.05** Noisy Mothers (2346758) **3.00** The Twilight Zone (6036297) **3.35** Jobfinder (1964655) **4.50** Quiz Night (45382510) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (2423549)

HTV WEST
As London except: 9.55-10.00 HTV West Headlines (8165574) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV West Headlines and Weather (7756390) **1.55** A Country Practice (67972777) **2.20** TV Weekly (93324864) **2.50-3.20** The Young Doctors (6175883) **3.25-3.30** HTV West Headlines (8538086) **5.10-5.40** Runway (4119086) **5.55** Home and Away (375628) **6.25-7.00** HTV News (437965) **10.30** HTV West Headlines and Weather (719203) **10.40** Something Strange (127721) **11.10** The West This Week (176574) **11.40** Prisoner Cell Block H (112951) **12.35am** Bodies of Evidence (4462742) **1.30** Superstars of Wrestling (2483013) **2.15** America's Top Ten (2296278) **2.40** The Gorbals Story (4580051) **4.00** Jobfinder (3541346) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (8472278)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (437965) **7.30-8.00** Wales This Week (15) **10.30** HTV News and Weather (719203) **10.40** A Slice of Life (127721) **11.10-11.40** Wales and Westminster (176574)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (67972777) **2.20** TV Weekly (93324864) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (6175883) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (51) **6.30-7.00** Getaways (13) **10.40** Bodies of Evidence (628777) **11.40** Love and War (327406) **12.10am** Coach (2697162) **12.40-1.30** Street Legal (4541297)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (67972777) **2.20** TV Weekly (93324864) **2.50-3.15** The Young Doctors (8399999) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (536280) **6.30-7.00** Cross Wits (13) **10.40** Northern Eye (230661) **11.25** Prisoner Cell Block H (159357) **12.20am** The Night the City Screamed (124297) **2.05** America's Top Ten (7960384) **2.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (3328926) **3.05** Honolulu (6438655) **4.35-5.30** Jobfinder (8472278)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.55 The Sullivans (52294311) **2.25-2.55** TV Weekly (93323135) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (48224) **10.40** Westcountry Focus: The West at Work (127721) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (121574) **12.05am** Coach (2617926) **12.30** My Story (9866015) **12.35** Bodies of Evidence (4462742) **1.30** Wrestling (2483013) **2.15** America's Top Ten (2296278) **2.40** The Gorbals Story (4580051) **4.00** Jobfinder (3541346) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (8472278)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (67972777) **2.20** TV Weekly (93324864) **2.50-3.15** The Young Doctors (8399999) **5.55** Calendar (536280) **6.30-7.00** Cross Wits (13) **10.40** Edit V (230661) **11.25** Prisoner Cell Block H (159357) **12.20am** The Night the City Screamed (124297) **2.05** America's Top Ten (7960384) **2.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (3328926) **3.05** Honolulu (6438655) **4.35-5.30** Jobfinder (8472278)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (25048) **9.00** Sabotage (99086) **9.30** Ysgolion (436629) **12.00pm** House To House (79222) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (29715) **1.00** A Taste Of Africa (28135) **1.30** The Great Commanders (4093951) **2.15** In Old Chicago (214777) **4.00** Slot 23 (6102381) **4.05** Tomos Y Tanc (7144244) **4.15** Uned 5 (3539208) **5.00** The Cosby Show (7357) **5.30** Countdown (90) **6.00** Newyddion (704357) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (680338) **6.25** Heno (237947) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (7693) **7.30** Ar Y Prom (67116) **8.30** Newyddion (2048) **9.00** Taro Naw (433135) **9.45** The Pulse (793319) **10.15** The Rachel Papers (237390) **12.00am** The Money Police (9709278)

RADIO 3

6.30 Open University: Studying the History of the Family
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air: J.C. Bach (Quintet in D, Op 11 No 6); Liszt (Mephisto Waltz No 2); Stravinsky (Shrovetide Fair, Petrushka); Brahms (Academic Festival Overture); Janáček (Three Moravian Dances); Strauss, orch Heger (Heimliche Aufforderung
9.00 Composer of the Week: Scriabin. Malcolm Binns talks to Stephen Plaistow and introduces recordings by great Russian pianists from Scriabin's era to the present day, including Samuel Feinberg, Elena Bekman-Shcherbina and Valdimir Sofronitsky
10.00 Musical Encounters: Bach, arr Schumann (Violin Sonata No 2 in A minor, BWV 1003); **10.30** *Artist of the Week*: Bernard Haitink conducts Liszt (Symphonic Poem, From the Cradle to the Grave); **10.45** Schumann (Songs from Myrthen); **10.55** Bach, arr Schumann (Violin Partita No 2 in D minor, BWV 1004); **11.28** Wagenseil (Trombone Concerto); **11.46** Mendelssohn (Overture, Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage)
12.00 Ensemble (r) **1.00pm News**
1.05 Handel's Last Oratorios: Monteverdi Choir, English Baroque Soloists under John Eliot Gardiner perform *Solomon*. With Carolyn Watkinson
3.40 John Gough, piano, plays Bach, arr Busoni (Chaconne in D minor, BWV 1004); Chopin (Variations brillantes, Op 12); Grainger (Molly on the Shore); Fauré, arr Grainger (Après un rêve); Delibes, arr Dohnányi (Waltz, Naila) (r)
4.25 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Fedor Glushchenko performs Dohnányi (Piano Concerto No 2 in B minor: Martin Roscoe)
5.00 The Music Machine: Tommy Pearson on the bodhran
5.15 In Tune: Reizenstein (Variations on The Lambeth Walk); **5.30** An interview with Anthony Sargent; **6.30** Poulenc (Organ Concerto); **7.10** Rachmaninov (Symphony No 3, finale)
7.25 Live from Covent Garden: Royal Opera House Chorus and Orchestra under Simone Young perform Act 1 of Verdi's *Rigoletto*. To a libretto by Francesco Maria Piave based on Victor Hugo's drama, *Le Roi s'amuse*. Sung in Italian. **8.35** During the interval, Dr David Mendel asks if there is such a thing as an average Italian. **9.00** Act 2. **9.30** Lingo Jingo: A look at the Italian language. **9.55** Act 3
10.45 Night Waves in Moscow: Tony Palmer reports live from the Russian capital
11.30 Voices: Arleen Auger — A Reluctant Star. Gordon Stewart introduces recordings of the American soprano who died last year
12.30-12.35am News 1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)

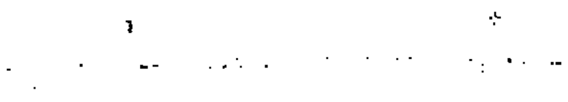
RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 The Moral Maze, chaired by Michael Buerk
9.45 Famous for 15 Minutes: In the first of a six-part series on the briefly-famous, Jenni Mills talks to former Bay City Rollers drummer Derek Longmuir
10.00-10.30 Oliver Twist (FM only): The penultimate episode of Charles Dickens's novel. With Tim McInnerny
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Acts of the Apostles. Read by Michael Williams (9/10) (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Wendy Austin talks to the American photographer Annie Liebovitz; and Stephen Tompkinson reads the first of a five-part adaptation of Anne Fine's novel, *Madame Doubtfire*. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Looking Forward to the Past: Paul Boateng with guests Raymond Baxter, Richard Coles, Gordon Kennedy and Dr Roy Porter **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; The Burn Supper, by Colin Douglas. In January 1991, a small Scottish hospital faces the future
3.00-4.00 Anderson Country (FM only): Phone Gerry Anderson on 071-765 5540
3.30 News; Prime Minister's Questions (LW only)
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope reports from the Perth festival in Australia; and talks to Frank McGuinness about his translation of *Peer Gynt*
4.45 Short Story: Humming Delilah, by Dean Hawksley. Read by Alex Langdon
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The Harpoon: Satire
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Soundtrack: The Twelve Widows of Appleby. See Choice
8.00 Analysis: Tax and Spend. Can expectations of public services be satisfied without higher taxes? Andrew Dilnot reports
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? For listeners with disabilities
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: An Evil Cradling (4/10) (r)
11.00 Stanza: Andrew McAllister and guests ask whether poetry should be taught in schools
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Soundtrack: The Twelve Widows of Appleby. *Radio 4, 7.20pm.*
Not just widows. There is also a spinster or two. But no men. The collection of 17th-century almshouses in Cumbria, founded by Lady Anne Clifford, are strictly for women. Male visitors have to be out by 9.30pm. But there are compensations. No rent to pay. No television licence. Help with electricity bills. Nice neighbours. Solicitous trustees. An annual cruise on the lake, followed by tea at the high sheriff's home. All this — and yet, there is no taker for No 12, which has been empty for ages.

Burning Everest. *Radio 5, 6.30pm.*
Adrian Flynn won a W.H. Smith Plays for Children award with his two-parter about a fostered boy whose obsession with climbing Everest is the fanciful reflection of his obsessive desire to be returned to his uncaring mother. It is a Himalayan example of radio drama. The play's peaks of anger, despair, and no-holds-barred effort are skilfully scaled by its cast — Colin Parry as the battling teenager, Brian Blessed his mountaineering idol George Mallory — and by its resourceful director, Caroline Raphael. **Peter Davalle**



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6.00am DJ Kat (83073222) **8.40** Lamb Chops (2341628) **9.10** Cartoons (8204135) **9.30** Card Sharks (6332845) **9.55** Concentration (6340864) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (4584338) **10.30** Love at First Sight (13680) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (68777) **12.00** Urban Peasant (24672) **12.30pm** E Street (45777) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (33932) **2.00** Money Changers (36680) **3.00** Another World (8096067) **3.50** DJ Kat (3376222) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (8262) **6.00** Games World (7965) **6.30** E Street (1067) **7.00** M*A*S*H (1951) **7.30** Full House (7721) **8.00** Rescue (10947) **9.00** LA Law (81593) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (84680) **11.00** The Untouchables (72970) **12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (71592) **1.00am** Night Court (82617) **1.30-2.00** In Living Color (35297)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (75628) **9.30** Nightline (89999) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (39406) **11.30** Japan Business Today (95864) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (33222) **1.30** CBS News (34951) **2.30** Parliament Live (20048) **4.30** News and Business Report (7864) **7.30** The Reporters (93845) **9.30** Talkback (56883) **11.30** CBS News (36970) **12.30am** ABC News (44433) **1.30** Reporters (18597) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (80365) **3.30** Talkback (85810) **4.30** The Reporters (37988) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (90926)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (1697715)
10.00 Gally, Gally (1969): Beau Bridges stars as a cub reporter (49593)
12.00 The Turning Point (1977): Anne Bancroft and Shirley MacLaine play former rival ballerinas (40883)
2.00pm Two for the Road (1967): A romance blossoms between Albert Finney and Audrey Hepburn (75932)
4.00 X-15 (1961): Drama about the pilots of a military space plane (5154)
6.00 Pure Luck (1991): An accountant and a private eye hunt a missing girl (95796)
8.00 The Broken Cord (1992): Jimmy Smits adopts an American Indian boy (90241)
10.00 The Super (1991): A slum landlord moves into one of his own flats (79932)
11.30 The Return of Eliot Ness (1991): Robert Stack comes out of retirement to trace a friend's murderer (372222)
1.05am Windows (1980): A rape victim befriends her mad neighbour (7181926)
2.35 Return to the Blue Lagoon (1991): Two shipwrecked teens find love (294617)
4.15 X-15 (as 4pm) (855758). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm The Roaring Twenties (1939, b/w): The story of the intertwining lives of three army buddies. With James Cagney (59932)
8.00 Silent Running (1971): Bruce Dern plays a space-age horticulturalist (61777)
10.00 The Big Red One (1980): Soldiers struggle to survive (20932). Ends at **11.55**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Young Survivors (1962): Three children are shipwrecked (99425)
8.00 Peter Pan: Animated film (77244)
9.00 Sinbad: High-seas adventure (44406)
10.00 The Girl He Left Behind (1956, b/w): The army makes a man out of spoilt brat Tab Hunter. With Natalie Wood (45597593)
11.45 The Creature from the Black Lagoon (1954, b/w): A bug-eyed monster kills off anthropologists (4448226)
1.10pm The Black Cat (1934, b/w). Bela Lugosi stumbles upon a chamber of horrors in Boris Karloff's creepy castle (4955703)
2.20 The Secret of the Incas (1954): Adventurer Charlton Heston searches for ancient treasure (846390)
4.05 Peter Pan (as 8am) (9644609)
5.00 Sinbad (as 9am) (3932)
6.00 After the Glory (1992): Second World War veterans fight a corrupt mayor (93338)
8.00 Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves (1991): Big-budget epic with Kevin Costner and Alan Rickman (66206390)
10.20 Highway to Hell (1992). A modern version of the Orpheus myth (165609)
11.55 Body Parts (1991): A psychologist discovers that his newly-grafted arm once belonged to a serial killer (618715)
1.25am Murder 101 (1991): Pierce Brosnan is framed for murder (842617)
3.00 Blind Man's Bluff (1991): Thriller starring Robert Urich (8275549)
4.25 The Creature from the Black Lagoon (as 11.45am) (477029). Ends at **6.45**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Prime Bodies (93280) **7.30** Soccer News (7472864) **7.45** WWF (7526951) **8.30** Drag Racing (19851) **9.00** Prime Bodies (61113) **9.30** Hockey (23357) **10.30** American Sports (75222) **11.30** FA Cup (13951) **1.30pm** ATP Tennis (87067) **2.30** Golf Tips (4636) **3.00** Snowboarding (8574) **3.30** Sportsworld (5661) **4.00** ATP Tennis (4796) **4.30** Adventure Sport (50680) **5.30** Soccer (4932) **6.00** Soccer News (486574) **6.15** WWF (196970) **7.00** Boots and All (29777) **8.00** Boot Room (38425) **9.00** US PGA Golf (31512) **11.00** Tennis (73425) **1.00-2.00am** French Football (40758)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (11883) **8.00** Cross Country Skiing (69932) **10.00** Speedskating (65628) **12.00** Golf (68715) **1.00pm** Football (83512) **3.00** Eurofun (6970) **3.30** Ice Hockey (98681) **4.30** Motors (52048) **5.30** Euroski (42135) **6.30** News (9703) **7.00** Stock Cars (14845) **8.00** Snooker (23593) **9.00** Football (26680) **11.00** PGA Golf (18796) **12.00-12.30am** News (37471)

UK GOLD
7.00am Sullivans (3886086) **7.30** Neighbours (9671390) **7.55** Sons and Daughters (9696609) **8.25** EastEnders (4910048) **9.00** The Bill (7232357) **9.30** Onedin Line (8245135) **10.30** Bergerac (3019319) **11.30** Sullivans (5769628) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7212593) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7814338) **1.00** EastEnders (3885357) **1.30** The Bill (7813609) **2.00** Robin's Nest (4707609) **2.30** 'Allo 'Allo! (5804999) **3.00** Dallas (9898796) **3.55** Colbys (7519999) **4.50** Every Second Counts (3477222) **5.25** Give Us a Clue (14075951) **5.55** Sykes (7981999) **6.30** EastEnders (5889680) **7.00** Survivors (9301932) **8.00** 'Allo 'Allo! (4787845) **8.30** Robin's Nest (4799680) **9.00** Bergerac (9307116) **10.00** The Bill (7213222) **10.30** The Innes Book of Records (7222970) **11.00** Top of the Pops (2785087) **11.40** Dr Who (1037593) **12.10am** FILM: Venetian Bird (1952, b/w): A private eye uncovers a war hero's life of crime (7109520) **1.50-7.00** Night Shopping (82107100)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am RatKan II (80086) **6.30** Bobobobs (93086) **7.00** Paddy (6278883) **7.15** Toons (530777) **7.45** Teens (539048) **8.15** Head to Head (9262357) **8.30** Teddy Ruxpin (51951) **9.00** Droibee (65406) **10.00** Topsy (22086) **11.00** RatKan II (22390) **11.30** Bobobobs (30319) **12.00** Paddy (3791086) **12.15pm** Toons (152048) **12.45** Teens (151319) **1.15** Head to Head (58223222) **1.30** Teddy Ruxpin (71203) **2.00** Potsworth (3593) **2.30** Shoe People (9233406) **2.40** Crystal Tipps (3517390) **2.45** Babar (164883) **3.15** RatKan II (4954116) **3.20** Henry's Cat (7430680) **3.45** Spot (6090864) **3.55** Head to Head (4207048) **4.00** The Legend of White Fang (9406) **4.30-5.00** T-Rex (8390)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Batfink (1997970) **7.15** Turtles (396777) **7.45** Rugrats (997048) **8.15** Blue (773339) **8.45** Rocko (7334681) **9.00** Eureka (61195) **9.30** Fraggle Rock (58338) **10.00** David (75593) **10.30** Pee Wee (37357) **11.00** Janosch (86574) **11.30** Banana Sandwich (87203) **12.00** Monkees (29609) **12.30** Muppets (52154) **1.00pm** Eureka (43703) **1.30** Fraggle Rock (51425) **2.00** David (7609) **2.30** Banana Sandwich (1086) **3.00** Pee Wee (6116) **3.30** Critters (3203) **4.00** Turtles (2338) **4.30** Rugrats (1222) **5.00** Clarissa (1661) **5.30** Guts (2574) **6.00** Galaxy (2715) **6.30-7.00** Monkees (3067)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm The Global Family (5886593) **4.30** Durrell in Russia (5882777) **5.00** Volcanoes (90695970) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (2522932) **7.00** Traveller's Guide to the Orient: Philippines (4709067) **7.30** African Ride (5883406) **8.00** Terra X (4718715) **8.30** Pirates (4797222) **9.00** Fields of Armour (9336086) **10.00** Wildside (9308845) **11.00-12.00** Genius Behind the Bomb (3860048)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: Holiday Affair (1950, b/w): Janet Leigh is torn between two suitors (3460406)

1.35pm FILM: The Pirate (1948): Judy Garland falls for swashbuckler Gene Kelly (94346390) **3.30** David Niven Show (5894512) **4.00** Flying Nun (5880319) **4.30** My Three Sons (5879203) **5.00** Beverly Hillbillies (4716357) **5.30** Donny and Marie (5893883) **6.00** Saber of London (5890796) **6.30** Man from Interpol (5881048) **7.00** Yancy Derringer (4796593) **7.30** Duffy's Tavern (5870932) **8.00** Avengers (9312048) **9.00** FILM: Curse of the Crimson Altar (1968): Satanists take over a country house (5734932) **10.30** Torchy (7224338) **11.00** Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman (5745048) **11.30-12.00** The Twilight Zone (9163715)

UK LIVING
7.00am Living (3921845) **8.00** Family Affairs (4795319) **8.30** Bon Voyage (4787390) **9.00** Dr Ruth (4701970) **9.30** Days of Our Lives (1117406) **10.30** Young and the Restless (2197852) **11.30** Madhur Jaffrey (5872574) **12.00** Stars and Signs (90905796) **12.15pm** Practical Living (21318777) **12.30** Housecalls (8114845) **1.00** Bazaar (6021086) **1.30** Bon Voyage (8113116) **2.00** Agony Hour (8032357) **3.00** Living (2609425) **3.45** Gladrags (71811406) **4.00** Definition (4328222) **4.30** Infatuation (4324406) **5.00** Rodeo Drive (6363883) **5.30** Fame and Fortune (7602864) **5.45** Kilroy (5752883) **6.30** Delia Smith (4329951) **7.00** Material World (6350319) **7.30** Amore (4325135) **8.00** Young and the Restless (3223390) **9.00** FILM: French Quarter (1977): Comedy drama about a prostitute (71070999) **10.50** Fame and Fortune (7995048) **11.00** Amore (5896154) **11.30** Infatuation (8020512) **12.00-1.00am** Adult Agony Hour (3838181)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Big Brother Jake (4845) **5.30** Black Stallion (2970) **6.00** Wonder Years (9883) **6.30** Gameplay (1785) **7.00** All Clued Up (4609) **7.30** Pyramid (6319) **8.00** Cats Eyes (63135) **9.00** Lou Grant (83999) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (63796) **10.30** Evening Shade (49116) **11.00** Remington (23715) **12.00-1.00am** Big Valley (86810)

MTV
5.00am Wild Side (381891) **8.00** VJ Ingo (988203) **11.00** Soul (80280) **12.00** Greatest Hits (93425) **1.00pm** Snowball (773048) **3.30** Report (5617628) **3.45** Movies (5605883) **4.00** News (9519222) **4.15** 3 from 1 (9509845) **4.30** Dial MTV (7048) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (45390) **7.00** Hits (56845) **8.00** Most Wanted (48512) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (94154) **10.00** Report (703154) **10.15** Movies (708609) **10.30** News (542599) **10.45** 3 from 1 (547048) **11.00** Party Zone (13067) **1.00am** VJ Marijne (82758) **2.00-5.00** Videos (1339549)

TV ASIA
6.00am Persian Dawn (24932) **7.00** News in Gujarati, Bengali and English (30703) **7.30** Asian Morning (20826) **8.00** Hindi News (9236932) **8.15** Urdu News (870932) **8.45** English News (6572338) **9.00** Barzakh (53932) **10.00** Hindi FILM: Kalakar (615845) **1.00pm** Manoranjan (80244) **1.30** Cricket: Pakistan v New Zealand (739777) **4.30** Kiddies (2116) **5.00-6.00** TVA and You (2226) **7.00** Ba Adab Ba Mulhaiza (27319) **8.00** English News (173203) **8.15** Hindi FILM: Zimmedar (43086319) **11.15** Feera (315951) **12.05am** Five Past (6373839) **1.35-6.00** Sight and Sound (86262655)

TNT
Theme: Jean Harlow Birthday Tribute
7.00pm Beast of the City (1932, b/w): Police tackle a racketeer (76146135)
8.40 Secret Six (1931, b/w): Reporters are hired to trace bootleggers (20093135)
10.15 Saratoga (1937, b/w). A woman pledges never to gamble (88397703)
12.00 The Girl from Missouri (1934, b/w): A dancer courts a millionaire (17781939)
1.25am Hold Your Man (1933, b/w): Jean Harlow falls for a conman (78861365)
3.05 Beast of the City (as 7pm) (74716891). Ends at **4.35**

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England like lambs to slaughter


KENNY RODGER

Lewis makes a vain dive to catch Haynes off his own bowling during the record-breaking West Indies innings at Arnos Vale yesterday. Haynes went on to make 83 in an opening stand of 145

FROM ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT
IN ST VINCENT

WEARING the disorientated air of innocents abroad, England's cricketers yesterday saw paradise and hated it. The sights and atmosphere of the Caribbean's loveliest ground left them cold as they suffered such prolonged punishment from inspired West Indian batting that this third one-day international was all but decided before lunch.

Michael Atherton's decision to field first, on a pitch that customarily deteriorates, was always mysterious and looked beyond redemption after his bowlers had been so thoroughly humiliated that the crowd of 11,000, squeezed into idyllic Arnos Vale, was beside itself with joy.

An opening stand of 145 between Desmond Haynes and Phil Simmons was a record for any wicket by West Indies against England. This, however, was only the start. The last 20 overs of the innings produced 173 runs, the last ten 95, as Brian Lara and Richie Richardson batted with demoralising disdain for a labouring attack.

The result was a total of 313 for six, the highest made against England in their 222 internationals and the first time they have conceded 300 in a one-day game. All this on a ground where two previous internationals were dominated by bowlers and where West Indies, in 1981, made their lowest total against England.

Right on cue, the pitch began to play unkindly low when England began the improbable chase. Chris Lewis, promoted to open, was leg-before to one that squatted and when Alec Stewart was caught behind, a decision he questioned, and Robin Smith lost his off stump, it would have been humane to stop the fight.

St Vincent had declared a public holiday to honour the game and about a tenth of the population bought or begged tickets. There are hopes of staging a Test match here soon. Yesterday, with constant sunshine, a cooling breeze and a blissful view of the sea and the Grenadines, it was hard to imagine a better spot to watch a five-day game.

This, though, was instant cricket played, from the outset, at a compelling pace. Sensibly withdrawing Lara to his natural position at three, West Indies reunited Haynes and Simmons. Both had been struggling for form a fortnight ago, but they found nothing to concern them here.

Igglesden bowled more tidily than Watkin with the new ball, but Fraser, still not trusted to lead the attack, remains an anaemic version of his old self. Haynes, who knows him too well, had the time to move two paces down the pitch to him.

Lewis never has touched the heights known to Fraser and it cannot be long before those in power decide he never will. His length was again too variable, his run-up too diffident, yet it was not until 20 overs had passed, without the semblance of a breakthrough, that Atherton turned to spin.

Tufnell, preferred to Salisbury, should have dismissed Haynes in his first over, a lofted sweep eluding Lewis's hands at deep square-leg and carrying for six. After various leg-before shouts and a stumping appeal that can only narrowly have been rejected, he removed Simmons and Haynes in successive overs, both to catches in the deep.

Many a one-day innings has been derailed after a smooth start, but this one was sustained as much by positive running as strokeplay. The singles were regularly turned into twos, to the growing consternation of Atherton, and, although the seam bowlers tried to restrict the left-handers from round the wicket, they were overwhelmed by improvisation.

Lara was stunning in the range and audacity of his shots. Just occasionally, it all goes to his head and he plays an absurdly arrogant stroke, but, when in yesterday's mood, he is impossible to contain. His 50 came from 31 balls and he had failed to score from only six when he walked for a wicketkeeping catch off a good one from Fraser, the third wicket having added 74 in nine overs.

Watkin niggled a couple out with slower balls and, as the penultimate over began with 277 scored, it seemed England might avoid the threatened ignominy. Instead, Richardson savaged 31 from the last nine balls he received, including a sequence of 4-4-4-6 to destroy Igglesden's figures. The packed stands exploded with noise and England, bravado aside, knew their fate.

☐ Graham Gooch was yesterday re-appointed captain of Essex for the eighth season. He said he wished to stand down after 1994.

SCOREBOARD

WEST INDIES

D L Haynes c Lewis b Tufnell 83
(138min, 95 balls, 8 fours, 2 sixes)
P V Simmons c Hussain b Tufnell 63
(124min, 99 balls, 7 fours, 1 six)
B C Lara c Stewart b Fraser 60
(50 min, 41 balls, 5 fours)
K L T Arthurton c Smith b Watkin . 28
(43min, 25 balls, 1 six)
R B Richardson not out 52
(34min, 26 balls, 6 fours, 2 sixes)
J C Adams c Smith b Watkin 6
(7min, 4 balls, 1 four)
R A Harper run out 15
(13min, 12 balls, 1 four)
A C Cummins not out 0
(4min, 0 balls)
Extras (lb 4, w 2) 6
Total (6 wkts, 50 overs) 313
W K M Benjamin, C E L Ambrose, K C G Benjamin and did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-145 (Haynes 78 not out), 2-156 (Lara 5), 3-230 (Arthurton 19), 4-242 (Richardson 2), 5-256 (Richardson 10), 6-300 (Richardson 38).

BOWLING: Igglesden 10-1-65-0 (6-1-17-0, 2-0-19-0, 2-0-29-0); Watkin 9-0-61-2 (4-0-19-0, 5-0-42-2); Lewis 9-0-67-0 (nb2) (6-0-29-0, 1-0-14-0, 1-0-5-0, 1-0-19-0); Fraser 10-1-46-1 (w1) (4-0-19-0, 4-1-19-0, 2-0-8-1); Hick 3-0-18-0 (w1) (one spell); Tufnell 9-0-52-2 (one spell).

PROGRESS: 10 overs: 32; 20: 86; 30: 140; 40: 218.

ENGLAND: †A J Stewart, C C Lewis, R A Smith, G A Hick, M P Maynard, N Hussain, *M A Atherton, A R C Fraser, S L Watkin, A P Igglesden, P C R Tufnell.

Umpires: L H Barker and G A Johnson.

Match referee: S M Gavaskar.

Television viewing figures for Games set record

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE 1994 Lillehammer Games were the most-watched Olympic Games on United States television, finishing ahead of the record set at the 1972 Summer Games in Munich. The average rating for CBS's 16 nights of prime-time coverage was 27.8, Nielsen Media Research said. The Munich Games, interrupted when Palestinian terrorists killed 11 members of the Israeli team, received a 24.4 rating on ABC.

The previous record for a Winter Olympics was set by ABC at Lake Placid in New York state in 1980 when, bolstered by the United States hockey team's gold medal victory, the Games had a 23.6 rating.

The rating is the percentage of television households in the United States, each point representing 942,000 homes. The share is the percentage of televisions at the time that are tuned to a particular programme.

"CBS is entitled to some luck," Dick Ebersol, the NBC Sports president, said. "They've had four straight years without any." In those four years, CBS lost major league baseball to ABC and NBC after four years of terrible ratings and lost NFL games to the Fox network.

CBS was helped by the Nancy Kerrigan-Tonya Harding saga, which produced ratings of 48.5 last Wednesday and 44.2 last Friday. They became the third and fifteenth highest-rated sporting events on American television.

In the United States, the US Figure Skating Association (USFSA) has delayed by a day the start of next week's hearing to consider disciplinary action against Harding. Her attorneys had asked for an indefinite postponement of the hearing, previously scheduled for March 9, but the USFSA would only move it back 24 hours.

The USFSA committee will meet in Colorado Springs to determine whether Harding should be expelled from the association in connection with the clubbing attack on Kerrigan before the Games. At an earlier hearing, the panel decided there were grounds to believe Harding knew of the Kerrigan plot.

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Norman's ill-health delays federation hearing

BY DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

A DECISION on Andy Norman's future as promotions officer of the British Athletic Federation (BAF) has been delayed because he is said to be suffering ill-health. Norman, who is at the centre of a controversy after the suicide eight weeks ago of Cliff Temple, the journalist and coach, has presented a medical certificate that, according to the BAF, "confirms that he is unwell".

The federation announced four weeks ago the start of disciplinary proceedings against Norman and added yesterday that it had expected to hold a hearing in late February or early March. "His [Norman's] solicitors have advised the federation that he is not fit to attend at this stage," Peter Radford, the BAF executive chairman, said in a statement.

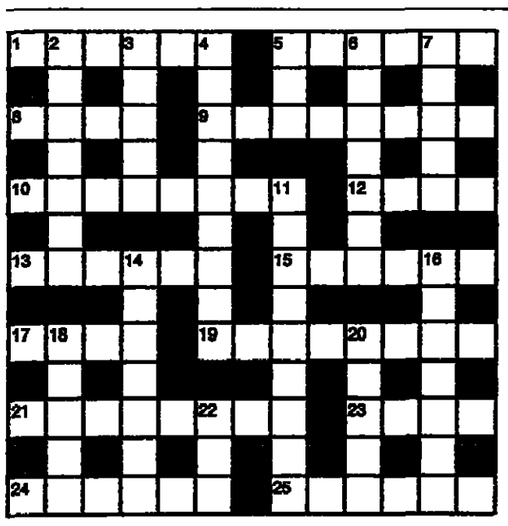
No date has been set and the federation declined to describe the nature of the illness, whether it might be linked to recent events, who issued the medical certificate or for how long it is valid. It is understood that stress is the reason given. Norman remained unavailable for comment yesterday. In a phonecall to Temple last July, Norman accused him of sexually harassing Shireen Bailey, an athlete who Temple coached. Temple committed suicide six months later. Bailey has insisted that no harassment took place. Fatima Whitbread, the former javelin world record-holder and Norman's fiancée, declined to elaborate on his health. "I am not at liberty to speak," she said.

The delay will heighten frustration among those who have called for an end to the apparent procrastination. Less than 24 hours before the federation's announcement yesterday, Folkestone Athletic Club, of which Temple was a member, framed a letter of protest to the governing body over its handling of the case.

At Folkestone AC's annual meeting on Tuesday, David Smyth, the secretary, was instructed by members to "express the club's dismay: that Andy Norman has not been suspended and is merely 'on leave'; at the length of time the enquiry has taken with no apparent indication of progress; that the item has not been included on the agenda for the AGM of the BAF on March 19." Eric Shirley, who is seeking election as chairman of the BAF at its annual meeting, said after the announcement of disciplinary procedures that the issue "cannot be left hanging in the air for long". Shirley is opposing Bob Greenoak, Radford's candidate.

Last month, the federation rejected calls for Norman's suspension pending a decision. Instead, he was said to be "on leave". Folkestone AC, and other clubs, will renew the calls for his suspension and for a temporary replacement to be appointed to do his work.

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15 Declining years (6)
17 Put out of focus (4)
19 Action involving new point of law (4,4)
21 Amorous adventurer (8)
23 Meat taboo to Muslims (4)
24 Trust; result (from) (6)
25 Subtract (6)

DOWN
2 Go over carefully (7)
3 Large cattle farm (5)
4 Rashly; without prior thought (4,5)
5 Signify assent; slip up (3)
6 Prevent strikers returning (4,3)
7 Indecorous, deviant (5)
11 Woman's personal attendant (5,4)
14 Relevant (7)
16 ('Flu, etc) in the stomach (7)
18 Rental agreement (5)
20 Winged boy with bow (5)
22 Unusual (3)

SOLUTION TO NO 102

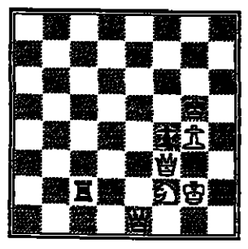
ACROSS: 1 Moses 4 Pharaoh 8 Grumble 9 Hired 10 Cheer 11 Throne 13 Action 15 Bygone 18 Red Sea 20 Bathe 22 Rhyme 23 The Oaks 24 Hot seat 25 Petal

DOWN: 1 Magician 2 Student 3 Sober 4 Pretty 5 Ashtray 6 Aaron 7 Hide 12 Reversal 14 Obscene 16 Outcast 17 Past it 19 Egypt 20 Bleep 21 Arch

CHESS MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Karpov - Bareev, Linares 1992. How can Black extract maximum value from his pin along the seventh rank?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

LAQUEARIAN
a. An early Christian heretic
b. With mosaic floor
c. Armed with a noose

MINULIZE
a. To warble softly
b. To cut into fragments
c. A type of Flemish lace

PRETEX
a. To put as a pretext
b. The Roman military kilt
c. Overhang of a pediment

PRIMEROLE
a. The protagonist's part
b. A Scottish cut of beef
c. A cowslip

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